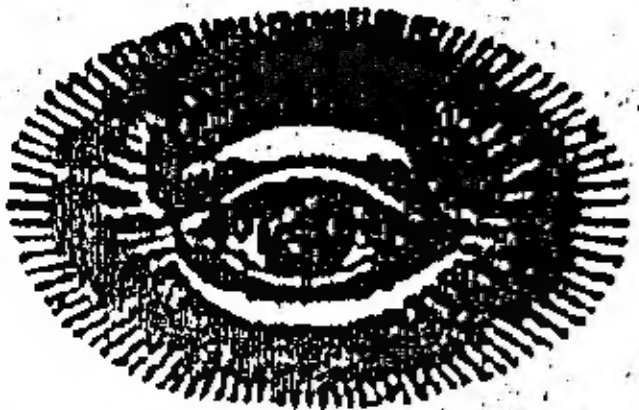


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## CHINA CRISIS.

### REDS DOMINANT IN KUOMINTANG.

#### COMMUNIST MINISTERS.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.  
The Extremists have seized the Nationalist Party machinery, it is now reported. Communists have been appointed to many of the Ministries.  
The Chinese squadron at Woosung is stated to have agreed to co-operate with General Pi Shuchen, but it may observe strict neutrality.—*Naval Wireless.*

#### COST OF SHANGHAI FORCE.

##### Mr. Churchill's Emphatic Answer.

London, Mar. 17.  
In the House of Commons the question of Britishers in Shanghai contributing to the Defence Force was again raised at question time and brought an emphatic answer from Mr. Winston Churchill, who had stated that patriotic offers by the British community in Shanghai during the war regarding income-tax were dropped on account of the constitutional issues involved.  
Com. Kenworthy suggested that these patriots now be asked to contribute to the Defence Force, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer evoked Conservative cheers by replying "certainly not. They are suffering more than any other class of British subjects."—*Reuter.*

#### HANKOW MEETING.

##### Speech by M. Borodin.

Hankow, Mar. 12.—Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Communications, Mr. Hsu Chien, Minister of Justice and M. Borodin, High Advisor to the Nationalist Government, spoke to-day at a gigantic mass meeting held in commemoration of the second anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.  
All the speakers emphasised the necessity of keeping to the pure doctrine of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the need of unswerving loyalty to the Party in the work still ahead before the National Revolution is achieved.  
Mr. Sun Fo urged that efforts be made to call a People's Conference as soon as possible in order to carry out the instructions to the people of China made by Dr. Sun Yat-sen in his Last Will.  
M. Borodin urged the people to carry on as democracy was not yet established in China.—*Canton Gazette.*

#### AMERICA AND CHINA.

##### Mr. Eugene Chen's Warning.

Hankow, March 10.—Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, commenting to American newspapermen here to-day, referred to the publicity by U. S. Congressman Stephen S. Porter, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, regarding the telegram from Mr. Chen approving his resolution urging the United States to adopt a new policy, independent of the other Powers, towards China.  
Mr. Chen stated that the message to Mr. Porter was a personal appreciation of Mr. Porter's endeavour to place the relations between the United States and China on a more modern and civilized basis.  
"I sincerely hope," he said, "that the United States will not commit the error of the British method of procedure, by which I mean, I trust the United States will not conduct negotiations simultaneously with Wu-han and Peking. The Nationalist Government is the only real Government in China and is the only Government which is formulating and carrying out the national ideals and aspirations for the betterment of the Chinese people. For the United States to attempt to negotiate simultaneously with the militaristic, incompetent and unrepresentative Shadow Government of Peking, would seriously offend Nationalist sympathizers. Under such circumstances the Nationalist Government could not carry on negotiations which would give recognition to Peking's authority to arrange foreign treaties, which is unthinkable to Nationalists."

Mr. Chen stated that if the Porter resolution contemplated recognition of the Nationalist Government it will be considered as a friendly move; if the United States plans dual negotiations, the Nationalist Government will see in the move an attempt to split China.—*Canton Gazette.*

## MORE CHINA WAR "BATTLES."

### BUT NOT MUCH DEFINITE NEWS.

#### SHANTUNG TUPAN'S PLANS.

Although there have been reports during the past few days of "battles" between the southern and northern armies in the region of the Yangtze, west of Shanghai, there is a lull in the news regarding the progress or retreat of either side.

According to a Chinese telegram to reach Hongkong to-day from Shanghai, there has been a "force battle" in progress between the Shantung and Nationalist armies ever since the capture of Sushan by the Shantung forces on the 14th. It is said that the 23rd Shantung brigade has arrived at Lihing to reinforce the front line there.

[The above-named places are just to the west of the big Taihu lake.]  
Marshal Chang Tsung-chang arrived at his Headquarters at Tsinan yesterday morning after his visit to Peking and he departed immediately by train southwards, his destination being Haichow (on the Shanghai-Nanking railway) from which centre he will direct the military campaign.  
It is reported that Marshal Chang Tsung-chang will later send forces into Honan to help the Fengtien armies clear up that province. Meanwhile, he is concentrating on the Kiangsu-Anhui front.

#### FORMER PICKET.

##### SENTENCED ON ADULTERY CHARGE.

A liaison between a young man of 24, and a married woman of 36, formed the subject of an adultery charge brought at the instance of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Divisional Inspector Clarke, of the Shaanxiwan Police Station, stated that the young man, who now appeared in Court with the woman on the joint charge, was a picket at Canton during the strike, and while filling that position was enabled to recover a boat for an old boatman and his wife. The acquaintance, begun in that way, ripened into something more than friendship between the young man and the boatman's wife, and she left her home in Heungshan to follow him to Hongkong. They were living together at a house in Shin On Street, when traced and found by the husband. The case was brought to the notice of the police and the charge was brought on the instructions of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell.—It is hard to see how this young man could find any attraction in the woman. The male accused pleaded that he was forced into the liaison by the woman, and the woman said that this was so.  
His Worship.—I fine you both \$250, or three months.

#### NAVAL LIMITATION.

##### AMERICA TRIES TO PERSUADE FRANCE.

Paris, Mar. 17.

In renewing the invitation to France to be represented in some way at the Naval Disarmament Conference, the United States Note points out that the measures contemplated will not only facilitate the work of the League of Nations Disarmament Commission but advance the solution of the problem. It declares that the discussions will be limited to questions of naval disarmament not yet resolved by treaties and that each Power will be free to take up the position it judges to be most favourable to her protection as the basis of negotiation.—*Reuter.*

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## GOES INTO DOCK.

### DAMAGED "EMPRESS" HERE.

#### STORY OF COLLISION.

With her bow badly battered as the result of her collision in the Yangtze with the s.s. Jinsho Maru, the R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Lyemun late last night, and went into dry dock at Taikoo early this morning.

Her passengers were brought into town by car, and her cargo is to be discharged while she is undergoing repairs.

#### Stem Twisted.

The Canada's stem is twisted and her plates bent, and though she did not make water, an entire renewal of her water line will probably be necessary. It is expected that the Empress of Canada will be in dock at Taikoo for a week or ten days, after which she will proceed to Manila.

The collision occurred on Monday morning when the Empress liner was going up river to Shanghai after completing her trans-Pacific voyage.

The Jinsho Maru, a Japanese collier, was struck, it is reported, in the region of her engine room. She was badly holed, a boiler explosion followed, two firemen being scalded, and it was necessary to beach her hastily to prevent sinking.  
As far as is known, the Jinsho Maru still lies grounded in the Yangtze River near Woosung.

#### Much Damage.

In its account of the collision, the N.C. Daily News of Tuesday says:—The big Empress struck the smaller vessel with her stem, striking midships and practically bisecting the cargo boat before she could draw off, following the collision. The impact left traces of wreckage on the bow of the Empress as well, where several small holes resulted above the steamer's water line, with considerable denting and splitting of the steel plate lower down. The damage, however, to the larger ship was not estimated as great, and temporary repairs were commenced immediately.

The smaller boat, however, was seriously damaged, and passengers on board the Canada at the time, most of whom rushed forward to see what had happened and believing that the steamer had struck a rock as the vibration was felt throughout the ship, saw a cloud of steam arising like a screen over the stricken vessel. This was taken as evidence that the steam pipes and engines had been badly damaged by the impact.

#### Almost Cut in Two.

Although the collision was described by eye-witnesses as being over in less than ten seconds, it was apparent almost immediately that the Japanese boat was practically cut in two. As soon as the accident occurred the latter dropped her anchor in what was a much travelled channel of the river, and had it not been for the prompt orders of Mr. A. C. Kella, Assistant Harbour Master at Woosung, who succeeded in getting the ship towed out of the fairway, a serious blockage of river traffic would have resulted. The Japanese boat was accordingly towed off to a portion of the river about 17 feet deep, not far from the Number 3 buoy, off the Shanghai side.

The accident was witnessed by an official of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board at Woosung, who immediately notified the Harbour Master and went with him to the scene of collision with two conservancy tugs with which they succeeded in towing the Jinsho Maru into shallow water beaching her in some 17 ft. of water on the Shanghai side of the Huang-pu.

#### Help Rendered.

The prompt action of the Whangpoo Conservancy tugs in towing the Jinsho Maru into shallow water and thus clearing the fairway probably prevented more serious consequences, as, had the Jinsho Maru sunk in mid-river, navigation would have been seriously interfered with. As soon as the plight of the Jinsho Maru was noted, Captain Robinson of the Canada sent a boat alongside to give whatever assistance was possible.—*(Continued on page 12.)*

## H. K. VOLUNTEER CORPS.

### TWO PORTUGUESE PLATOONS FORMED.

#### "GUARDS" & "BANTAMS."

In connection with the Portuguese members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps there are now two platoons which are known as the "Guards" and the "Bantams," forming a separate Company.

Previously the Portuguese members were in No. 4 Platoon which also included several Indians and Chinese. Now however, owing to increased interest in the Corps on the part of the Portuguese community, two platoons have been formed, their total strength being at present about 70.

The strength is being added to at the rate of six or seven a week, however, and it is hoped that the Company will soon be brought up to the strength of 200. All its members are very keen and it is hoped that eventually some may become proficient enough to qualify as officers.

The Indians and Chinese formerly in No. 4 Platoon number about 30 strong and these are now in the newly-formed No. 3 Platoon.

## GRAVE CHARGE.

### NAVAL LIEUT.-COMMANDER REMANDED.

London, Mar. 17.

The Bow Street Court was crowded on the opening of a case, which a detective described as of "extreme gravity," relating to a retired naval Lieut.-Commander, Colin Mayers, of Barrow-in-Furness, charged with an offence under the Official Secrets Act, the exact nature of which was not disclosed.

The detective, speaking in a whisper, asked for a remand as considerable technical evidence had to be examined.  
Mayers' counsel asked for bail and declared that Mayers occupied a highly responsible position. The police opposed bail, and the magistrate remanded Mayers in custody for a week.

According to the newspapers, Mayers, who was born in British Guiana, served in the submarine section, and retired on his own request a few months ago to accept a position with a well-known armament firm. They state that the charge relates to the submarines O1 and X1, the latter being the largest in the world.—*Reuter.*

## BRITISH PROPERTIES IN RUSSIA.

### STILL AWAITING A SOVIET PROPOSAL.

London, Mar. 17.

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs Mr. Locker-Lampson, replying to a question in the House of Commons said that the value of the British properties in Russia, abandoned without compensation, was estimated by the claimants at approximately £180,000,000. He was unable to say what proportion of this represented liquid assets. Discussions had taken place from time to time with the Soviet Government regarding the liquidation of these claims without satisfactory result. The British Government were awaiting a constructive proposal but hitherto none had been made by the Soviet Government.—*British Wireless.*

## ROYAL TOUR.

### DUCHESS OF YORK BETTER.

London, Mar. 17.

The Duchess of York has benefited greatly by her rest at Wellington, where she will remain until Sunday, when in M. S. Renown she will leave to proceed to Australia. The Duke meanwhile, is proceeding with his tour of the South Island of New Zealand.—*British Wireless.*

## FREE FIGHT.

### FACTION CLASH IN SHANGHAI.

#### THE KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

Although the rain put an effective damper on various demonstrations which had been planned in Shanghai for Saturday, birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, it did not prevent something in the nature of a battle in Route Vallon, between rival factions of the Kuomintang.

The inside story of this civil war is a facsimile of the Kuomintang situation in Hankow, says the N. C. Daily News.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's private residence at 29 Route Mollere is a sort of shrine for members of the Kuomintang. All factions of the Kuomintang go there on special occasions and bow to his picture in reverence.

#### Communist Threat.

The Communists through the local C. P. organization, arranged to hold memorial services at "29" on Saturday. During the services, the proposal was made that those present should go to "44" to break the heads of the Right Wing, who were also holding a memorial service.

The chairman of the "29" meeting objected to such a scandalous procedure and the matter was dropped officially.

#### Historical Headquarters.

Now, 44 Route Vallon is a famous place. It is the historical headquarters of the Kuomintang, long the party office of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Known in Chinese republican history as "44," it has a reputation unequalled in the annals of Shanghai houses. The Right Wing is now in possession of "44" and that is one of its claims to being the only true Kuomintang party—it has the headquarters of the party. The Communists, however, are more bitter against the Right Wing than against outsiders, for they insist that the Right Wing are using the name of the party in the vain. The Right Wing, on the other hand, regard the C. P. as thieves who were permitted to enter the house and who, having stolen everything, drove out their hosts.

So, on Saturday, the Communists having satisfied their souls, marched from Route Mollere to Route Vallon, hurled a brick through the window at "44" and started a free-for-all fight, in the course of which, it is pointed out with unmistakable pride, the Communists got the worst of the bargain. A few Communists have been in the hospital, several have been arrested and much bitterness has been engendered. During the engagement, a shot was fired, by whom, of course, is not known.

#### Three Shots Fired.

Another version states the fight started when the attackers threw stones into the office of the Right Section. Evidently the latter had anticipated trouble because they had made preparations to defend themselves against the "enemy." Strong barricades had been built and furniture was used to block the entrance and so prevent the Left Wing people from getting in, and it was owing to these preparations that little damage was caused.

However, seeing that they could not hold out much longer, the members of the Right Section fired several shots from within, slightly wounding three of the extremists, who attempted to seize their flag from the doorway. All three were sent to the hospital for treatment. At this juncture, the police arrived and they succeeded in dispersing the crowd and arresting several of the ringleaders.

#### Nanking Road Incident.

Later in the afternoon, at about 4 o'clock, another attempt was made by the Left Wing to distribute pamphlets, this time in Nanking Road. These men, who were in possession of leaflets, went up to the roof gardens of the three big department stores, whilst others stayed in Nanking Road, apparently waiting for the signal. Shortly afterwards eight motor cars, each of which carried a small white flag inscribed with the words "For the funeral service of Dr. Sun," approached and as soon as they arrived at the corner of Chokiang Road, they fired several

## CANTON CARGO BOAT STRIKE.

### UNIONS THREATEN TO INTERFERE.

#### MERCHANT PROTECTION.

Since the Cargo Boat Union and the Tally Coolies' Union recently declared a strike against the rice dealers in Canton, the rice supply of the city has been greatly affected and the price has subsequently jumped up considerably.

The Labour Department has made several attempts to settle the trouble, but so far these have proved fruitless. It is understood that the rice dealers decided at a meeting the other day to hire small boats themselves for the discharging of rice consignments and to have the goods transported to the rice stores by motor trucks.

The Cargo Boat and the Tally Coolies' Union, upon learning this, decided to send out pickets to interfere, but the rice merchants have been assured by the Police Department that if the labour pickets cause any interference armed men will be sent out to give them protection.

## H.M.S. AUSTRALIA.

### NEW CRUISER LAUNCHED.

London, Mar. 17.

The Australian cruiser, H.M.S. Australia has been launched at Clydebank.  
It is the first of the two 10,000-ton ships provided in the Australian naval programme. The other cruiser, H.M.S. Canberra, is also being constructed at Clydebank.—*Reuter.*

Later.  
The launching ceremony was performed by Lady Cook, wife of the Australian High Commissioner, in London.—*British Wireless.*

## STUDENTS ARRESTED.

### AT PEKING AND CHANGCHUN.

A telegram from Peking states that on Wednesday the police there placed three of the students of National University under arrest. These prisoners are still held under custody.

The Fengtien authorities in Changchun had a Kuomintang office there raided a few days ago when a number of Kuomintang propagandists were arrested.  
Marshal Chang Tso-lin has wired to the Fengtien Governor asking him to punish only those who deserve punishment and not to have any innocent persons involved.

## STOLEN SCRIPT.

### NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA SHARES.

Madrid, March 17.

Barcelona newspapers report the arrest of three foreigners in whose rooms have been discovered a large number of share certificates of the National Bank of China, believed to have been stolen from a London bank.—*Reuter.*

## PORTUGUESE AIRMAN.

### REACHES BRAZIL.

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 17.

The Portuguese airman, Major Beires, has arrived at Fernando Noronha.—*Reuter.*

## SOVIET INTRIGUE.

### KEY TO THE CHINESE TROUBLE.

#### SOME POINTED COMMENTS.

Writing in the London Times of February 14th, Major General Sir Alfred Knox, M.P., suggests that the key of the China problem is in Moscow. He refers to Mr. Phillip Snowden's statement in the Daily News on January 30, which was as follows:—"The violently anti-British character of the rising in China is largely due to Bolshevik inspiration. The just aspiration of the Chinese for national independence is being exploited for the political aims of the Communists."—Sir Alfred Knox continues:

#### Warnings Disregarded.

The Foreign Office has had ample warning. Years ago Lenin said, "To-day China is seething and it is our duty to keep the pot boiling."

In the summer of 1925 occurred the Dossier case. In June of that year one Dossier, who had attempted to reach Hongkong, was discovered to be in possession of a packet of highly incriminating papers addressed to the Soviet representative. Among these papers was the following certificate:—"Certificate No. 43.—The bearer of this certificate, Comrade Dossier, Party Card No. 493, has been sent by the Agitation Department of the Southern District of China to Hongkong to organize strike committees. All members of the Russian Communist Party are obliged to support him in the fulfilment of the above duties.—Witnessed by Seal, Agitation Department R.C.P. in Shanghai."

On July 4, while Dossier was on bail, Dr. Eugene Fortunatov, medical officer at the Soviet Consulate in Shanghai, was arrested on a charge of attempting to bribe the policeman who had originally searched Dossier and discovered the incriminating documents. Fortunatov was released on bail of Tis. 10,000; he absconded. Dossier was fined and deported. Does the Foreign Office consider the attitude of Soviet official representatives in Shanghai in this matter to have been correct?

#### Chinese University at Moscow.

In January, 1926, a "Chinese university" was reported to be functioning in Moscow. Among other subjects the 250 Chinese students were receiving instruction in "the theory and practice of revolution."

The speeches of Bolshevik leaders and articles in the official Press have all along been engagingly frank. In March, 1926, Comrade Zinoviev, then Chief of the Third International, announced that "half the attention" of his organization would be "devoted to China," in order to bring "the already gained achievements to a decisive point." The Pravda in October boasted that "in China Britain has received a heavy blow." The same paper in December advised the Chinese to have nothing to do with the proposals of the British Memorandum, but to continue their march on Shanghai and "to drive the Imperialists out by force."

#### Paper's Boast.

Last month Stalin said that the abolition of treaties was an old-fashioned demand, and should be followed by the nationalization of the railways, of factories, of land, mines, warehouses, banks, private property, jewels, and "the rest." The Izvestia boasted last month that—"New cadres of young Chinese are being now sent to China from the Communist University for Eastern Workers, and from the Sun Yat-sen University established last year in Moscow."

According to this paper, these graduates of the Moscow colleges "were entrusted with the work of the organization, tactics, and strategy of the Chinese attack against Imperialism." The Pravda, in confirming the above report, stated further that already "the regiments marching forward against the British forces are composed of workers and students schooled in the famous Moscow Academy."

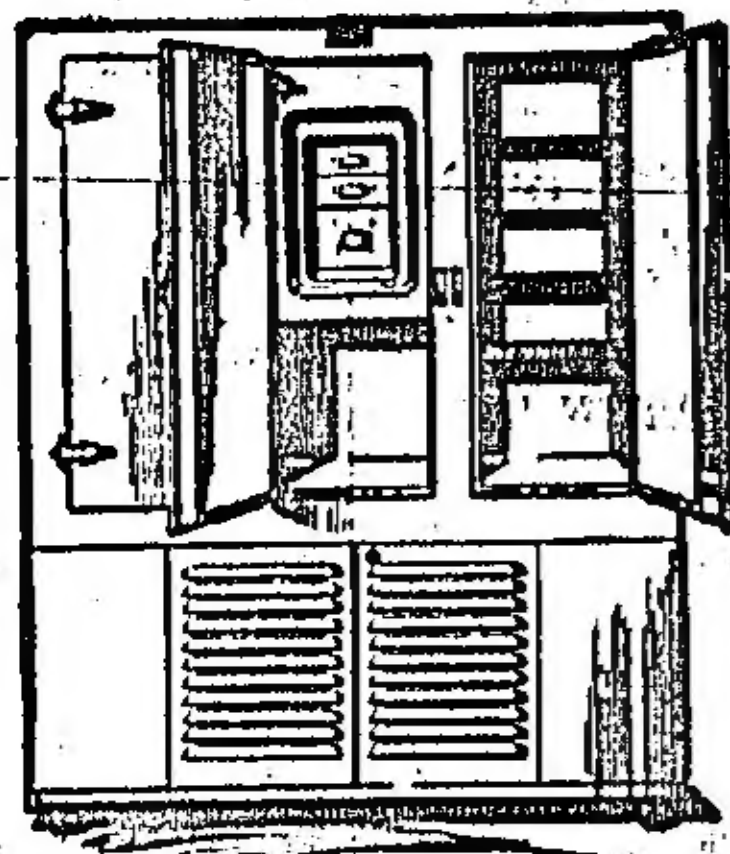
#### The Writing on the Wall.

Bolshevism help was suitably acknowledged last December in a speech at Moscow by Comrade Tan Peng Slang, of the Chinese Section.—*(Continued on page 12.)*



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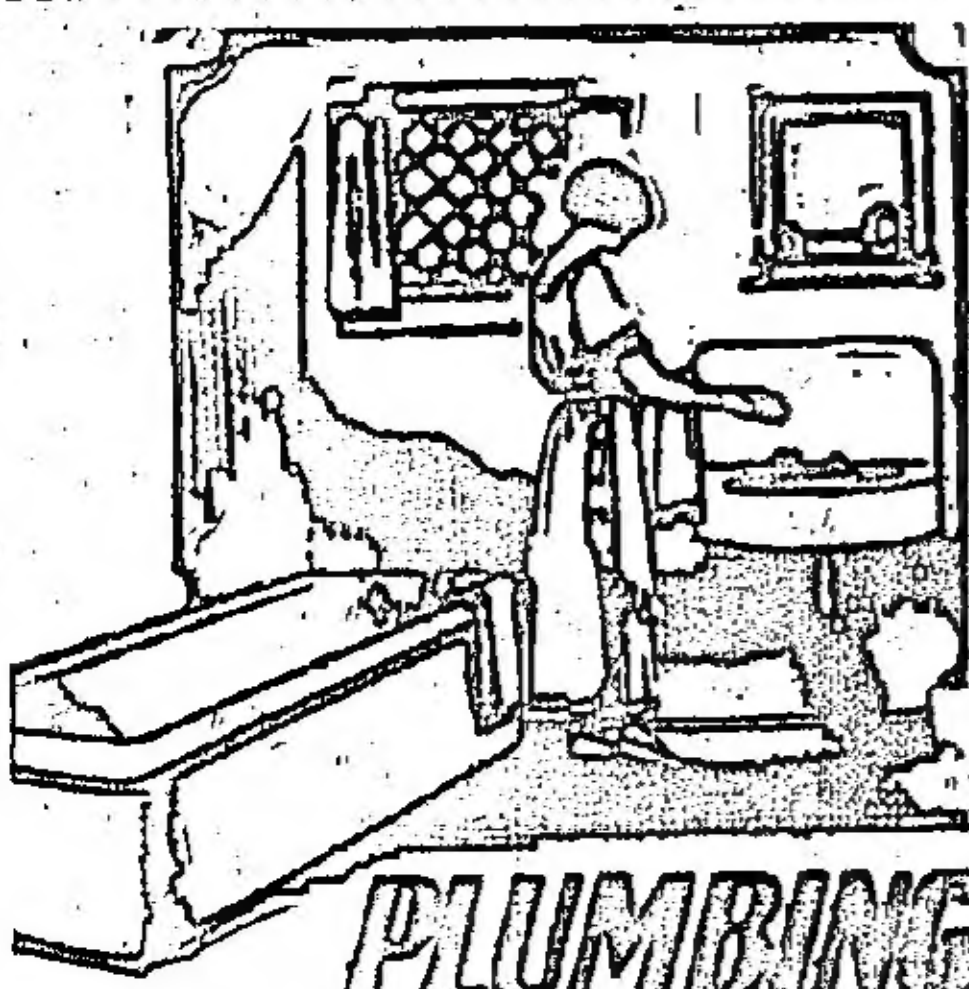
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### DEBATE AT Y.M.C.A.

WHAT PART IS PLAYED BY CHANCE?

"It is the opinion of this meeting that man's own powers play a greater part than chance in achieving success" was the motion moved at the Y. M. C. A. Kowloon last night when a large number of members displayed an active interest in the subject under debate.

Mr. I. B. Trevor, opening for the affirmative, asked if the resolution referred to one singular incident or to a combination of circumstances. If the latter, he would not admit for a moment that there was such a thing as chance for it pre-supposed at once a state of chaos and disorder in ourselves and had behind it no sense or foundation of stability.

If the life of any successful man was studied thoroughly it would be found that those qualities which had assisted him to his position of eminence were certainly not due to chance. If they had been due to chance he would not have retained his position because those qualities, having been bestowed upon him by chance he could never be sure that they might not depart as easily as they had come and he would have no sense of security and nothing to rely on.

The Sport of Fortune.

Mr. Trevor said he stressed the negative in order to try and show how ridiculous was the attitude of the opposition to imagine that our intellects might be the sport of every turn of fortune.

Success did not come without hard work and frequently numerous disappointments.

He was prepared to admit and finally believe that our destinies were controlled, some to a much greater degree than others, and that Providence shaped our ends, rough hew them as we would. There was nothing haphazard about that however.

Mr. A. A. Dand, opening for the negative, said that success varied from each individual viewpoint. To the business man success might mean reaching the top of his profession and being made a director of the firm. In that case the man made his way through various positions until he stepped up to the highest pinnacle.

That, however, was not achieved by his own power. He had to wait until chance cleared his path. No matter how powerful he might be he could not force his way to a directorship.

The Artist and Author.

In the case of the artist who painted a picture it was a chance whether his work pleased the selectors or not. With the author who desired to write a book to be read by all the world that did not depend on himself. It depended on the chance of the publisher viewing it favourably and on the chance of praise by the critics.

With the general commanding an army who launched an attack, its success or otherwise depended on the chance that the enemy was less strong than his own army, that they had less artillery and fewer machine guns and on a host of other chances. No matter how great a genius the general might be, his power was of no avail unless chance was on his side.

In the present debate the power of the opposition would not give them the success they desired. It would be chance. The chance that the members of the audience were conceited enough to imagine that their own powers had raised them whatever success they had so far had in life.

No Such Thing as Chance.

Mr. A. May, seconding on behalf of the affirmative, said there was no such thing as chance but only law and order. This law and order could be used, had been used, and was being used by mortals to command success.

Even to-day there were some people who thought they believed

### OBITUARY.

SCOTTISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

London, March 17.

The death is announced of Sir Henry Craik.—*Reuter.*

[Sir Henry Craik was member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities since 1918. He was born at Glasgow in October 1846, the son of the Reverend James Craik, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland. He was educated in Glasgow and Oxford, and was engaged in education for several years. In 1885 he was Secretary of the Scottish Education Department, Whitehall, a position he held until 1904. He has written a number of books of the subjects of education and history.]

in chance. In the case of a man with the dice box who shook for a round of drinks or for cigarettes and lost, he might say that luck had been against him.

But if he had sufficient knowledge of mathematics it would be possible for him to calculate the turn of the dice. This, said the speaker, indicated the line of thought that not chance but only certain laws which were ascertainable entered into the order of things.

To take the case of a man who was in a foreign country when a plague broke out and blamed the chance that he was there at the time for his ruined health. The speaker submitted that there was no chance about it, but that certain events occurred according to fixed laws.

These laws were such as to work invariably for evil as for good. What many people really meant when they spoke of chance was the expression of the immutability of these laws.

Success By Accident.

The Rev. Wittenbach seconding for the negative said that supposing ninety per cent of people tried and worked hard for success, perhaps only ten per cent were successful. Why? Because they had striven harder? He suggested that it was because they had had more luck and better opportunities. The successes seldom attributed their success to luck however. They liked to describe themselves as self-made men.

Success had often been reached through accident. He cited the story of the evolution of the safety pin by the boy who scratched himself on an ordinary pin in a baby's clothes. Then again chance played a big part in love. Some men could dress up and yet no girl would look at them. Others would scarcely have to lift their little finger before a rush was made for them (laughter). Life itself started as chance. He called attention to the fact that many babies died in their first year. Place of birth too was a question of chance. Some of those might have been born savages, or might have been physically deformed. Some people were cursed by inherited characteristics which were simply a matter of chance.

Examination Luck.

In the case of the musician the talent had to be there as no amount of study or hard work would take its place. Taking all these things into consideration, while not denying the place of hard work, chance played the greater part.

The speaker also cited the case of examinations. It was a question of luck again. A student might look up the very things which were asked in the papers. Another might have had a bad night, or have become engaged, and so his chances were not too good (laughter).

The majority of listeners were there because the idea suddenly came to them to come to China. It was mere chance that they were there.

The motion was defeated. Mr. A. S. D. Cousland was chairman.

### DISARMAMENT.

HUGH GIBSON TO HEAD AMERICAN DELEGATES.

Washington, March 17.

Mr. Kellogg has announced that Mr. Hugh Gibson, who was Vice-Chairman of the American Delegation to the International Conference in connexion with arms traffic at Geneva in 1925, will head the American Delegation to the preparatory Disarmament Conference and the Three Power Conference, and not Mr. Charles Hughes.—*Reuter's American Service.*



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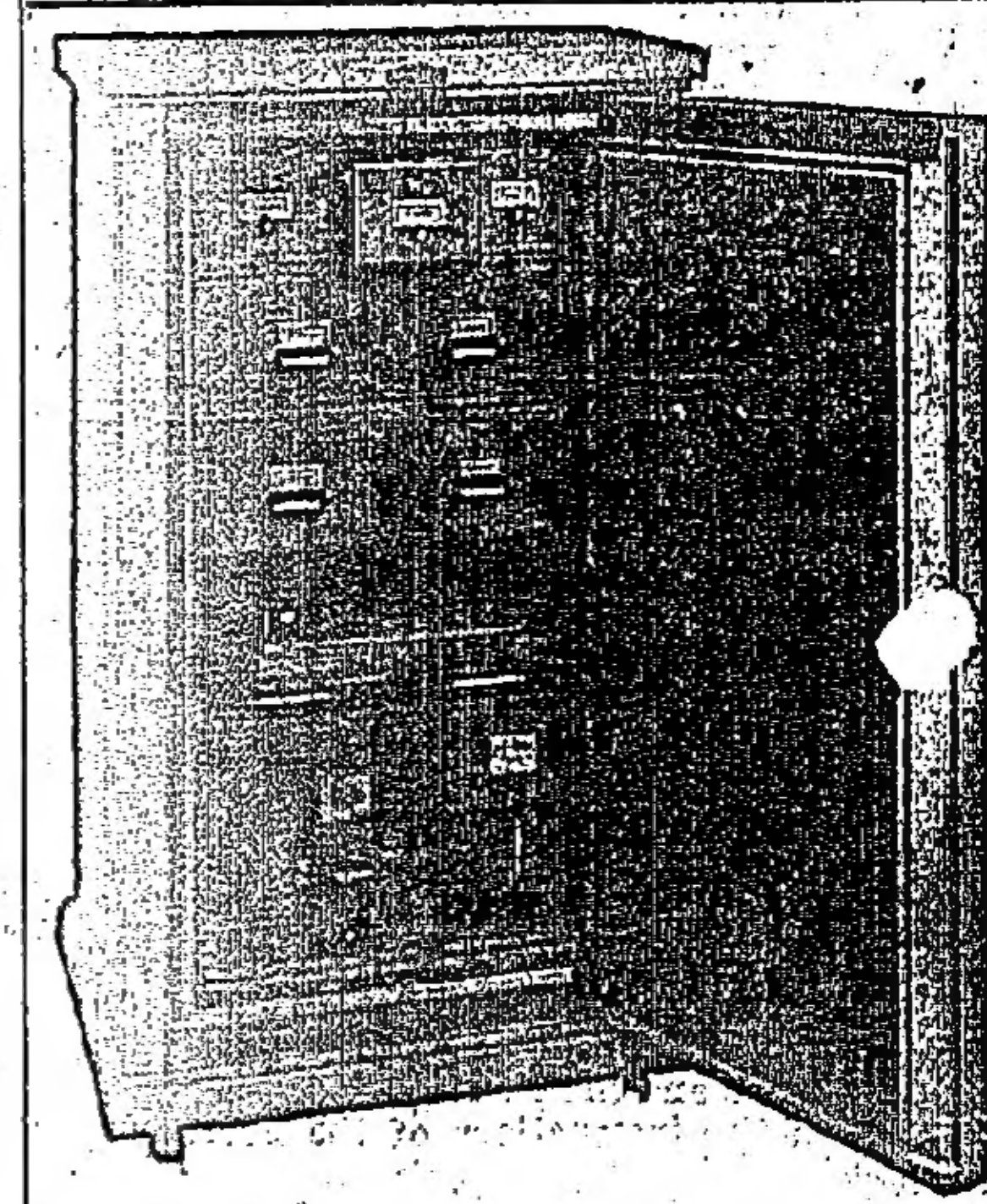
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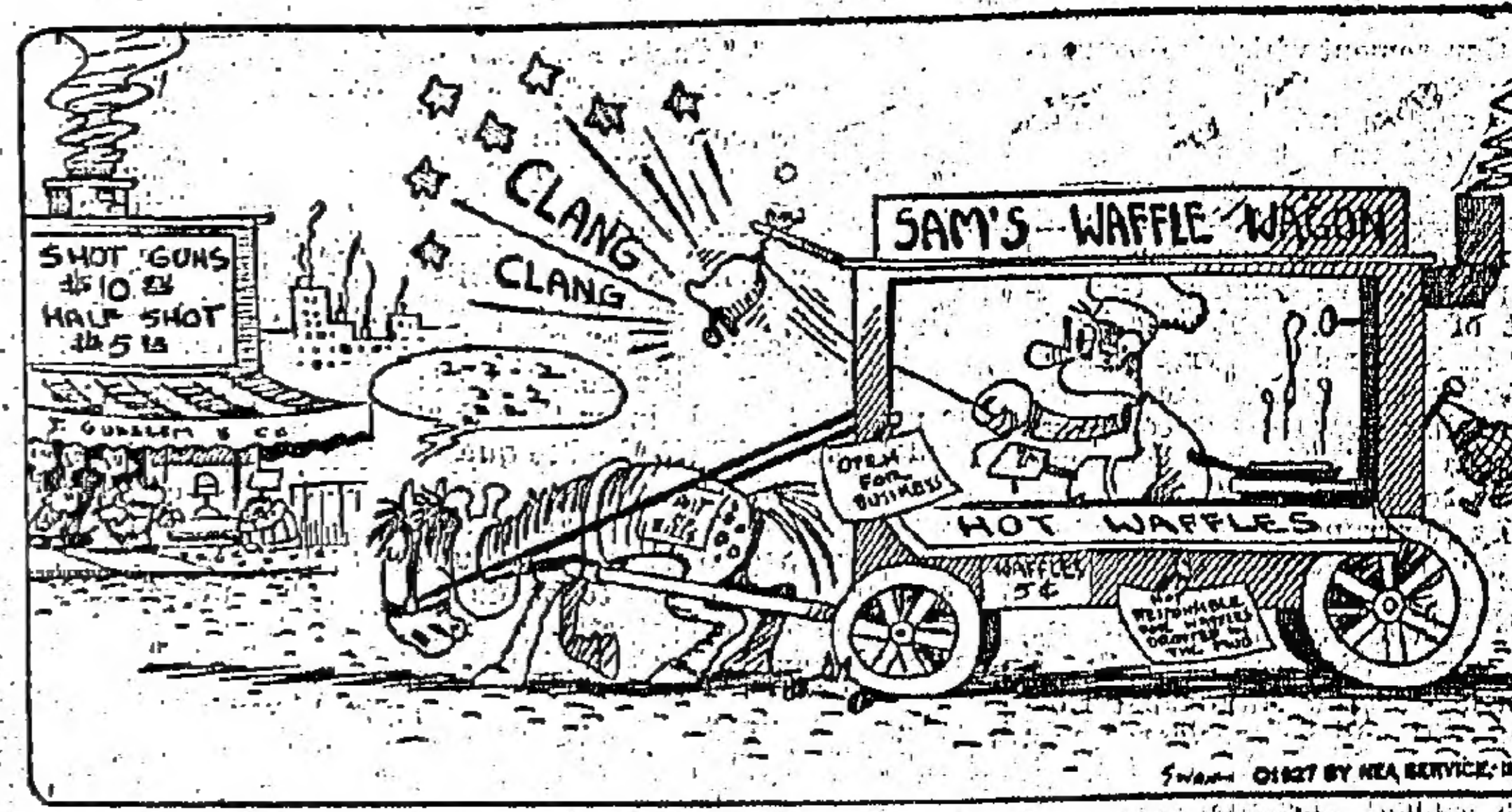


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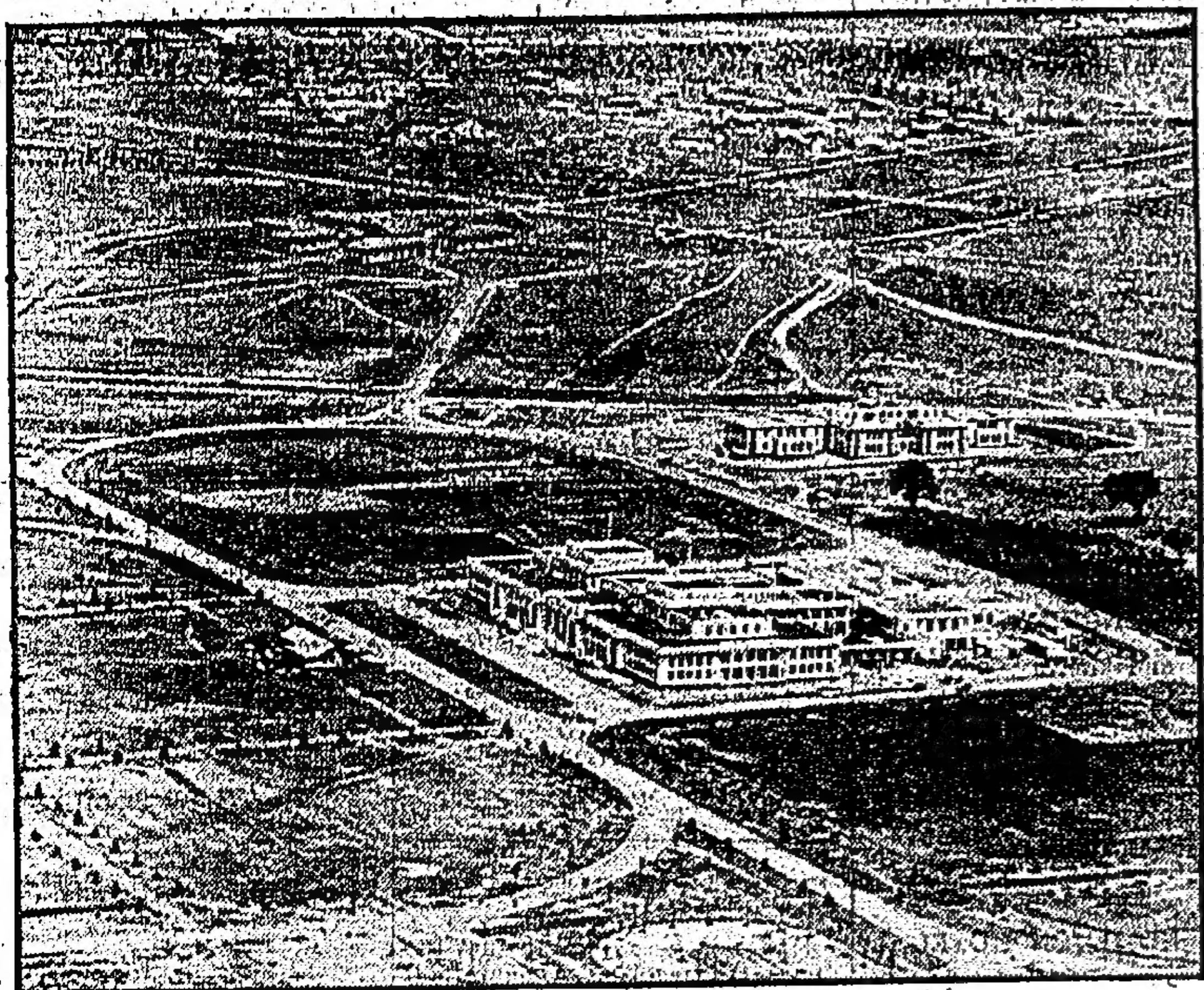


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**AUSTRALIA'S NEW CAPITAL.**—A remarkable aerial photo of Canberra, the new "tailor-made" capital of the Commonwealth of Australia, is shown here. The Duke and Duchess of York are to dedicate this future seat of government. Canberra is 130 miles from Sydney and 60 miles from the Australian east coast.



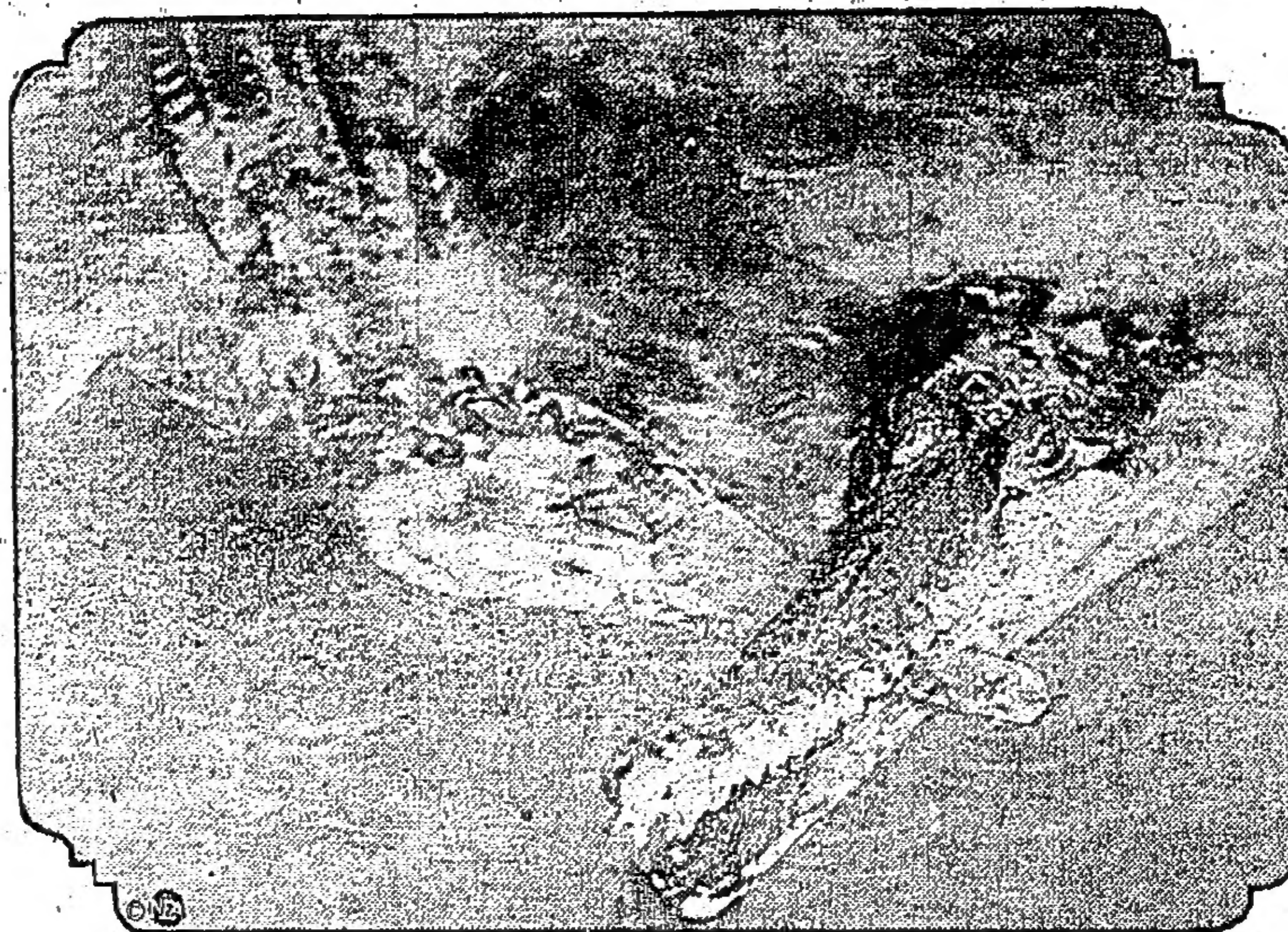
**STATUE OF MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.**—The marble statue of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain in the Members' Lobby of the House of Commons, which was unveiled by Lord Balfour after the State opening of Parliament on February 9. It is the work of Mr. John Tweed. (Times copyright.)



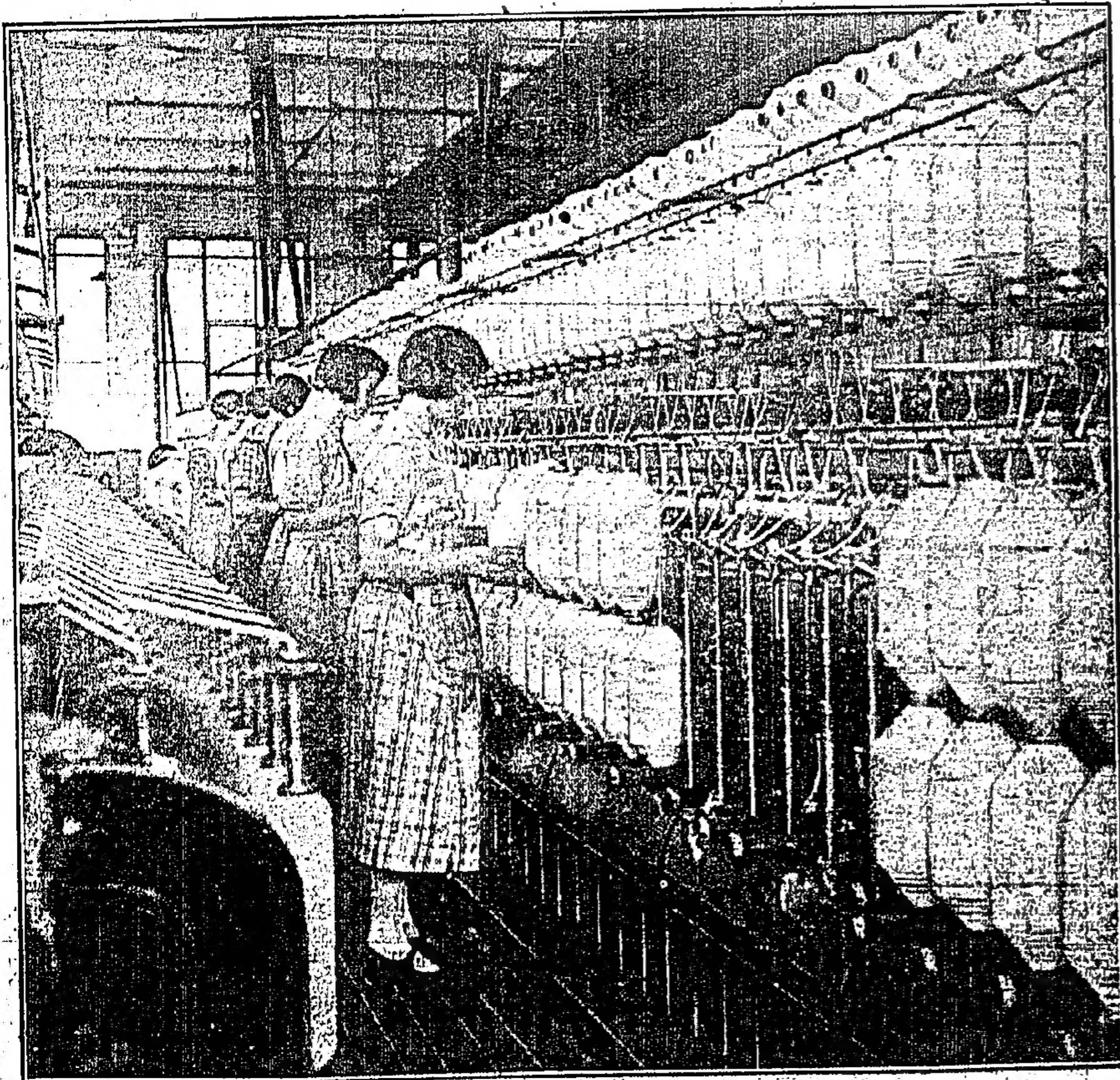
**NEW MINISTER.**—Mr. Frederick A. Sterling has been appointed the first American Minister to Ireland. Confirmation of the appointment by the Senate is expected, although it is known that it was a disappointment to Irish-Americans who had hoped that one of their number would get the post.



**PROMOTED.**—Mr. Robert Woods Bliss is to be the new U. S. Ambassador to Argentina. He received one of numerous recent promotions in the diplomatic service. Heretofore he has been Minister to Sweden.



**IN MORTAL COMBAT.**—One of the rarest ever made by a naturalist is this photo of two crocodiles fighting to the death. It was obtained in northern Australia by Francis Birtles and shows one saurian (left) with his snout held fast by the other who is endeavouring to drown his antagonist by holding him under water. After taking this photo, Birtles saw the former gradually cease his struggles and finally float away dead and the victor thrash his heavy tail and disappear.



**LANCASHIRE COTTON MILLS AT WORK.**—A number of cotton-mills in Lancashire have started full time again, and the prospects of the industry are brighter than they have appeared for some time. Our picture shows a scene in a Salford cotton-mill. A corner of a spinning-room where full time is being worked again. (Times copyright.)



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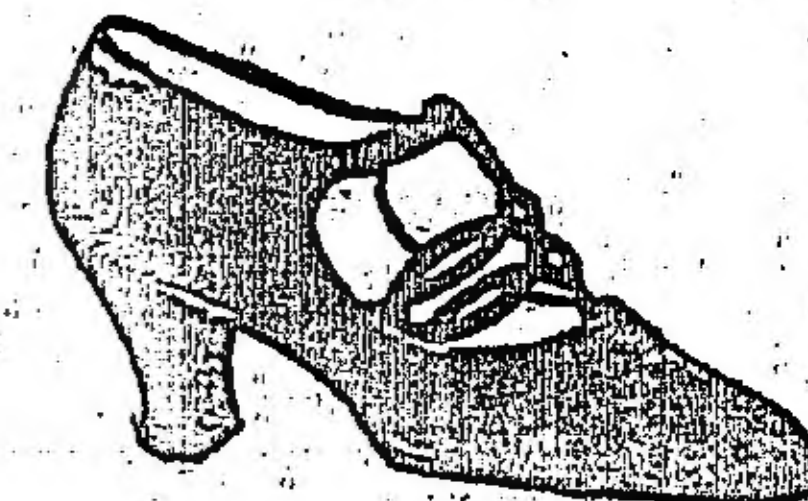
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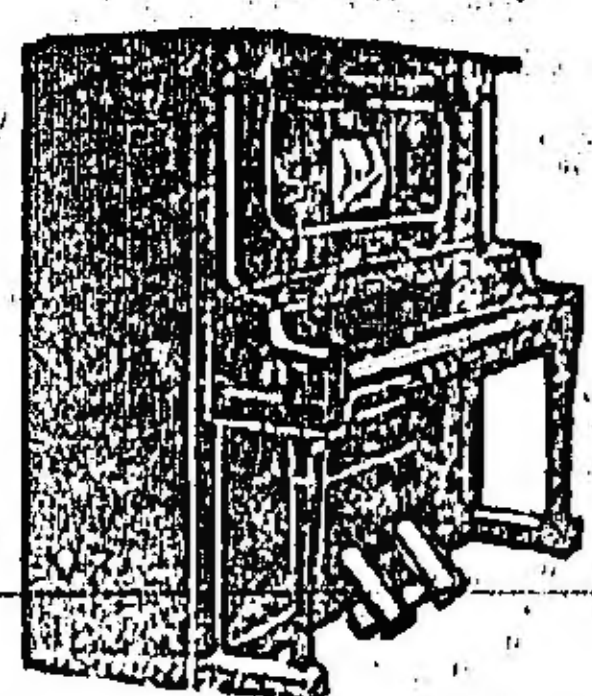
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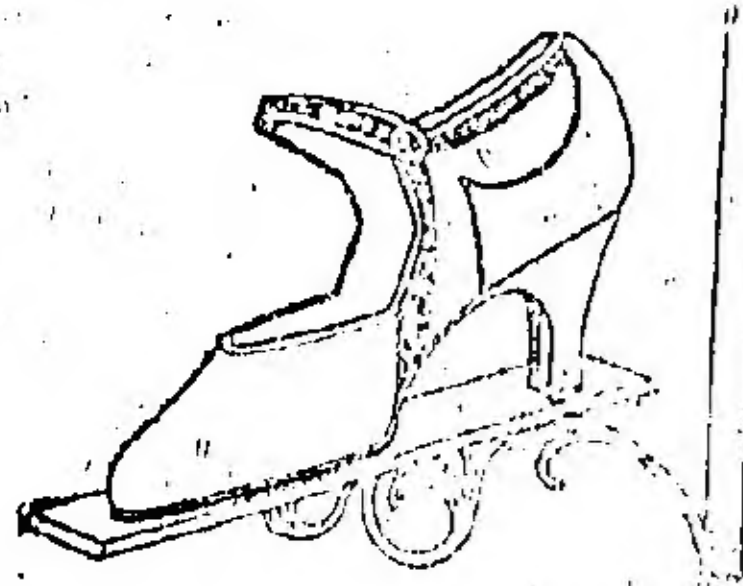
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## WAR DEBTS.

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Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, replying to manifestoes signed by members of the Faculties of Columbia and Princeton Universities, urging reconsideration of the settlement of the inter-allied debts on the ground that the settlements hitherto reached do not meet the actual situation, says the reopening of the question will be a step backward "calculated to produce discord and confusion rather than contribute to economic stability and orderly betterment of world prosperity."

Asserting that a nation is hardly likely to deserve and maintain the respect of other countries by sacrificing its own just claims, Mr. Mellon declares that cancellation of the debts owed to the United States would not of itself change the dislike with which the professors of Columbia and Princeton Universities alleged Europeans regarded the United States.

America's Hundreds of Millions. Mr. Mellon declares that the reopening of the question will encourage French opposition to the ratification of the Franco-American debt funding agreement. He admitted that an argument could be adduced in favour of writing off the debts incurred after America's entry into the war to the extent that these were incurred for contributions to a common cause, but this argument could only apply if the proposed adjustment were mutual and applied to all on a strictly equal basis.

He points out that while the allies bought supplies in America on credit the United States sought supplies and services from France and the British Empire "by hundreds of millions" and paid cash, but nowhere has it been suggested that if the debts are to be cancelled the United States should be reimbursed for the dollars actually spent by them in France and Britain. He concludes declaring that the sums paid to the United States will not come from taxation, but will be more than met by payments exacted from Germany by the Powers.—Reuter's American Service.

## RADIO SOCIETY.

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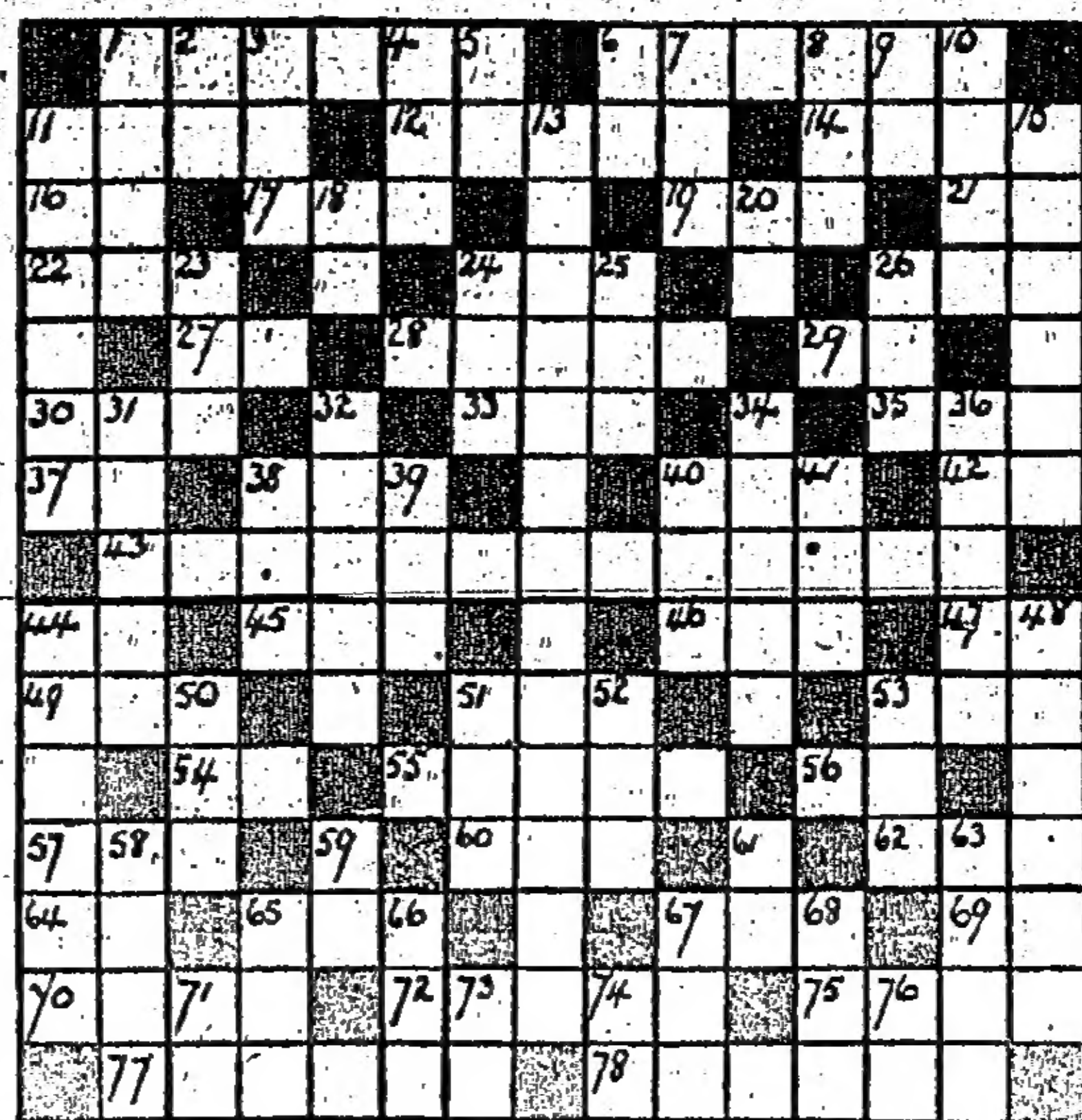
An excellent programme was broadcast by the Hongkong Radio Society last evening. Many listeners reported excellent reception, marred only by persistent oscillation in the Kowloon area which was checked in some degree, however, after a broadcast announcement had been made of the nuisance.

The programme was provided by the Brunswick House Orchestra and the Hawaiian Quartette consisting of Messrs. Baptista, Vaz, Xavier and Rocha. Mr. Al. Castro contributed a pianoforte solo and Mr. P. X. da Rocha solo items on the saxophone. The vocal part of the programme was provided by Q. M. S. Roberts who proved to have an excellent broadcasting voice.

In connection with the Radio Society's class for the study of transmission and the Morse code, a meeting of those interested will be held at the Society's headquarters, South China Morning Post Building next Monday evening at 6.15 p.m. All those who desire to learn more of the transmission side of radio and who are anxious to learn the Morse code are extended a hearty invitation to be present.

Details of the next broadcast concert will be announced in a few days.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



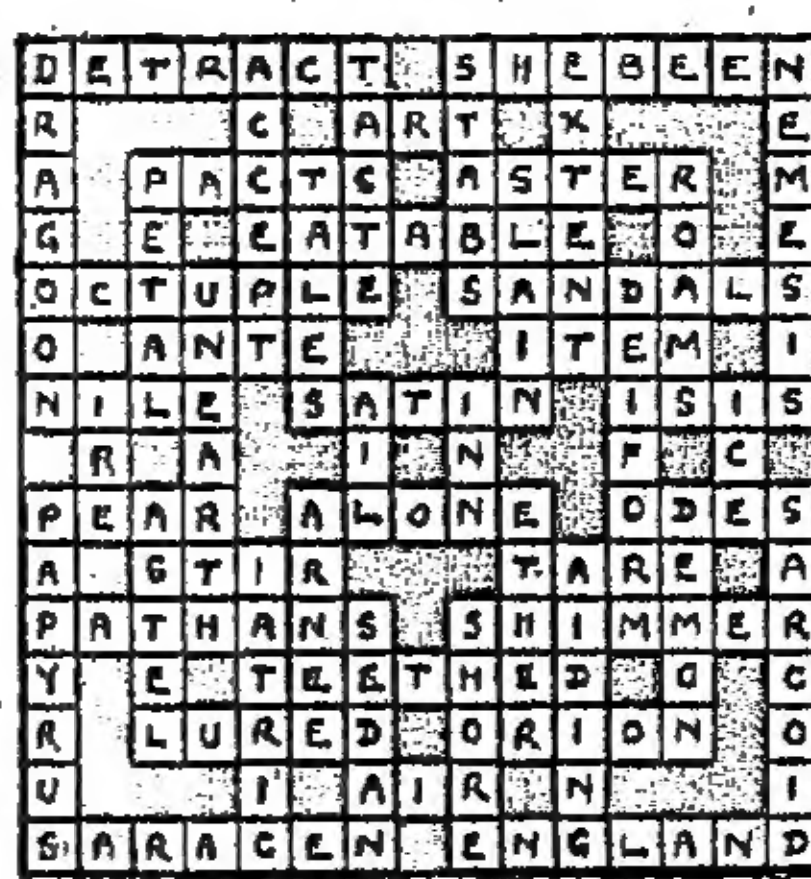
Across  
1 Fine cord.  
2 Exhalation.  
3 Protection for the foot.  
4 Cowboy competition.  
5 Highway.  
6 Towards.  
7 Obscure.  
8 Morsel.  
9 Echoid.  
10 Track of a wheel.  
11 Stupid fellow.  
12 Ask earnestly.  
13 Preposition.  
14 Point in the orbit of a planet.  
15 Pronoun of the third person.  
16 Prefix meaning equal.  
17 Number.  
18 Before.  
19 Shows negation.  
20 Exist.  
21 Game of cards.  
22 Connected with mesmeric force.  
23 Unreserved.  
24 One.  
25 Dush.  
26 Prolong.  
27 Sixth note of the scale.  
28 Uneven.  
29 Piece of brick.  
30 Adler.  
31 Within.  
32 Conductor's stick.  
33 On high.  
34 Iodine (prefix).  
35 Female deer.  
36 A sheep.  
37 Salvation Army (abb.).  
38 Organ of vision.  
39 Request.  
40 Small river.  
41 Perennial plant.  
42 Circular vessel.  
43 Pitcher.  
44 Low, dwarf trees.  
45 Joined.

## Down.

1 Personal pronoun.  
2 Exclamation.  
3 Primary colour.  
4 Limb.  
5 Achieve.  
6 Exist.  
7 Plunder.  
8 Skill.  
9 Preposition.

11 Healthy.  
12 Injure by stretching.  
13 Those who disseminate.  
14 Followed close.  
15 Whether.  
16 Exists.  
17 Also.  
18 Liable.  
19 Wickedness.  
20 Insect.  
21 Noise.  
22 One in charge of horses.  
23 Birds.  
24 Rotates.  
25 Perform.  
26 Termination.  
27 Tell a falsehood.  
28 Single.  
29 Tense in Greek verb.  
30 Seem.  
31 Accomplished.  
32 Wicked.  
33 Digit of the foot.  
34 Tailless monkey.  
35 Used in propelling.  
36 Shows affirmation.  
37 Part of the verb "to be."  
38 Unwanted plant.  
39 Ever (contraction).  
40 Reflex of the tide.  
41 Collection of sayings.  
42 Small barrel.  
43 Exclamation of surprise.  
44 Like.  
45 Nutter pronoun.  
46 Not they.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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It sounds like revolution tremendous, sudden, strange, writes Mr. C. Patrick Thompson, in the Daily Mail. Yet the news has made no more than a ripple on the surface of everyday life. The fact is that relations between the sexes have progressed until that vow has become but a symbol of something that has passed away.

When the security of life and property ceased to depend on a man's ability to protect his own, the day woman's emancipation in the Western world dawned. When women went out and bought in shops the food that the male formerly hunted in primeval forests, and machines came to replace human muscles, and the good

things of life left to brains rather than to brawn—then the basis of Adam's ancient dominance began to crumble.

The job was finished not by militant feminists but by young persons like the women tennis and golf champions; the women who swam the Channel last year, alert feminine invaders of business, professional, and public life. Eve did not secure "rights"; she made herself man's partner.

What next? pessimists prophesy a woman-dominated world and the decadence of man. However, at the moment Eve seems disinclined to abandon old instincts. She is still tenderness, colour, romance—the great encourager and the great consoler. She still seems to admire strength; even cigarette-smoking, cocktail-drinking girls seem to want to be cherished, protected, received, and even astute, level-headed women who earn their own living—sometimes a better living than the men they marry—show a quaint, old-fashioned preference for a husband who can make up their minds for them.

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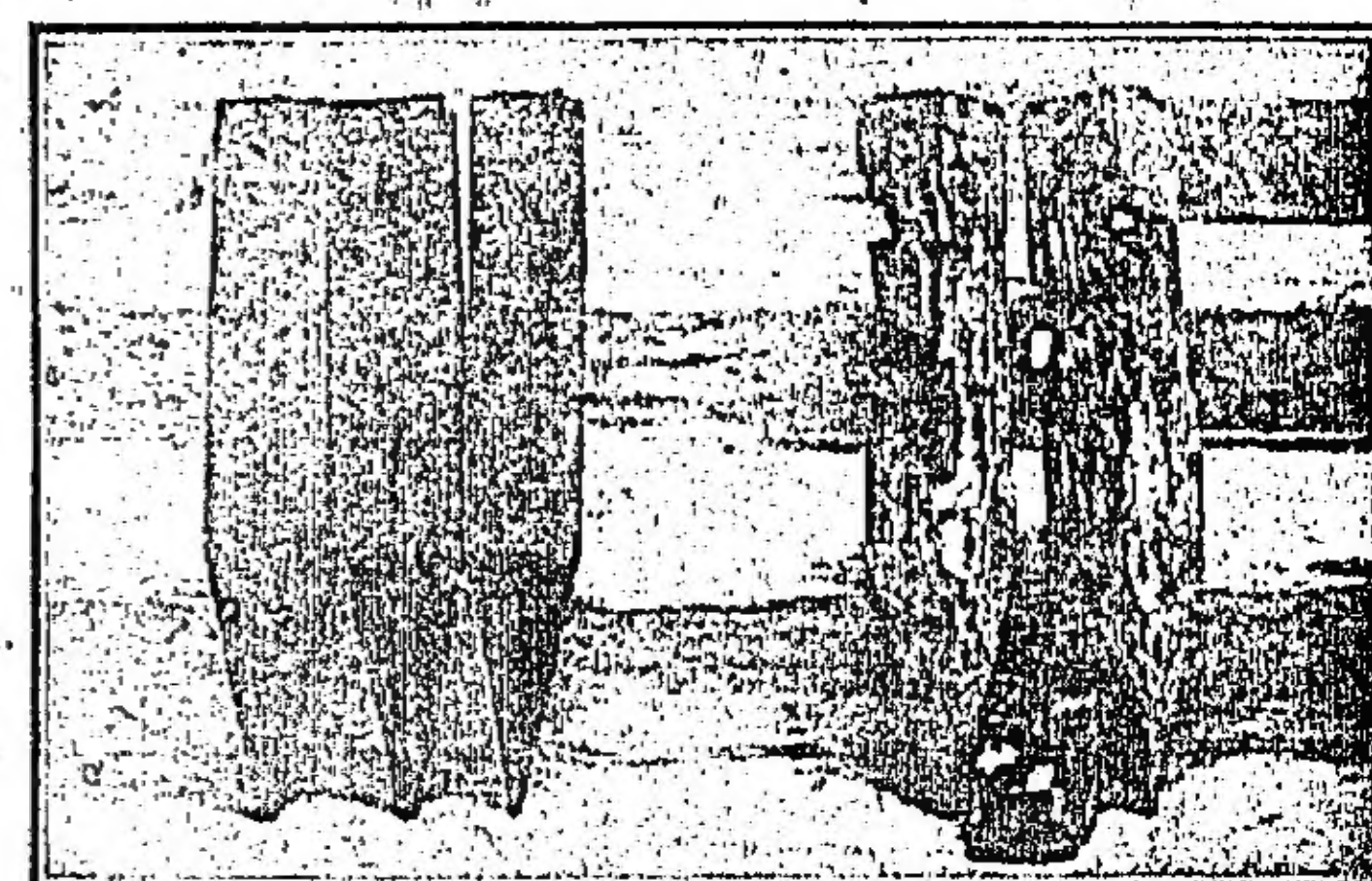
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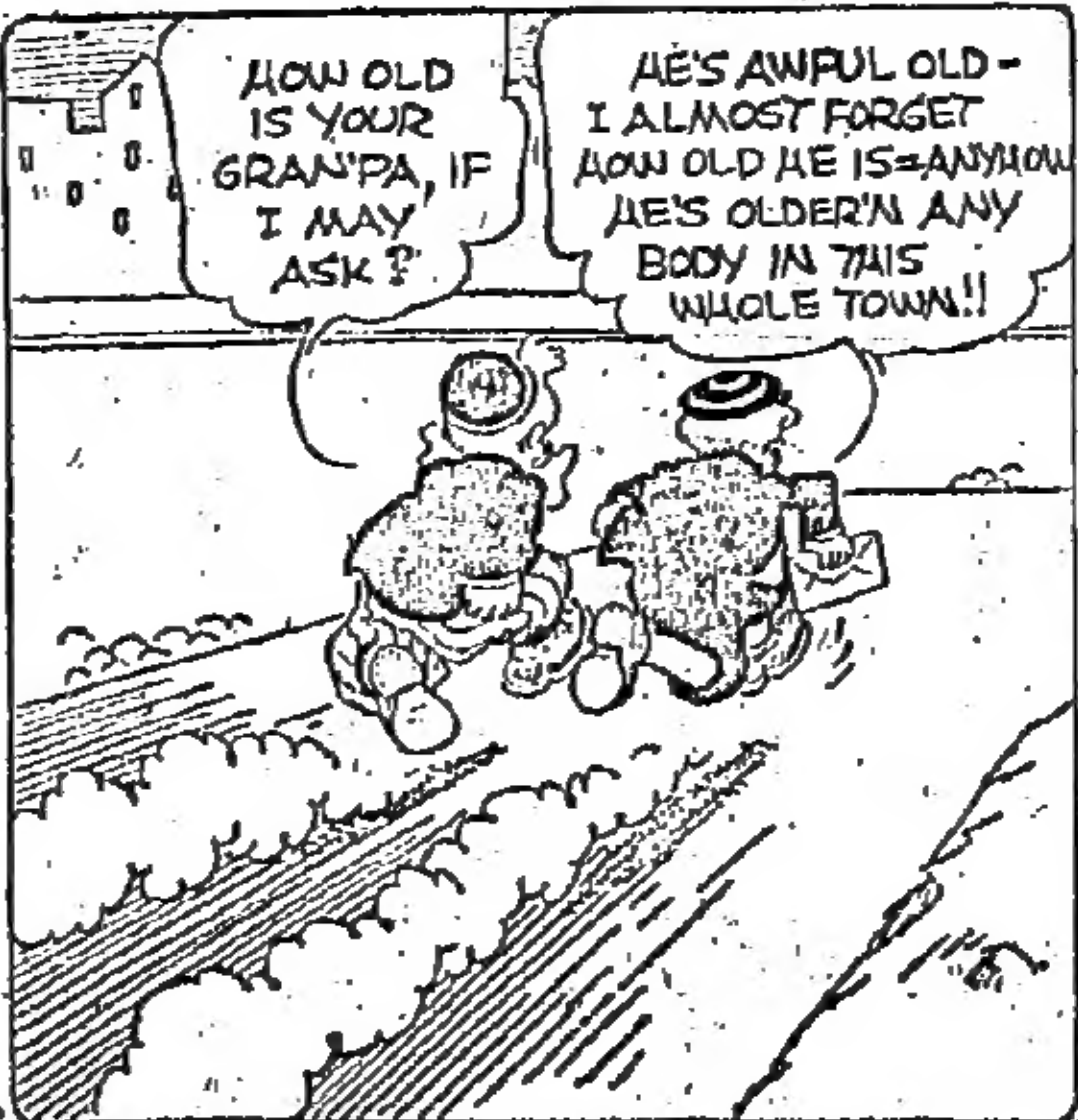
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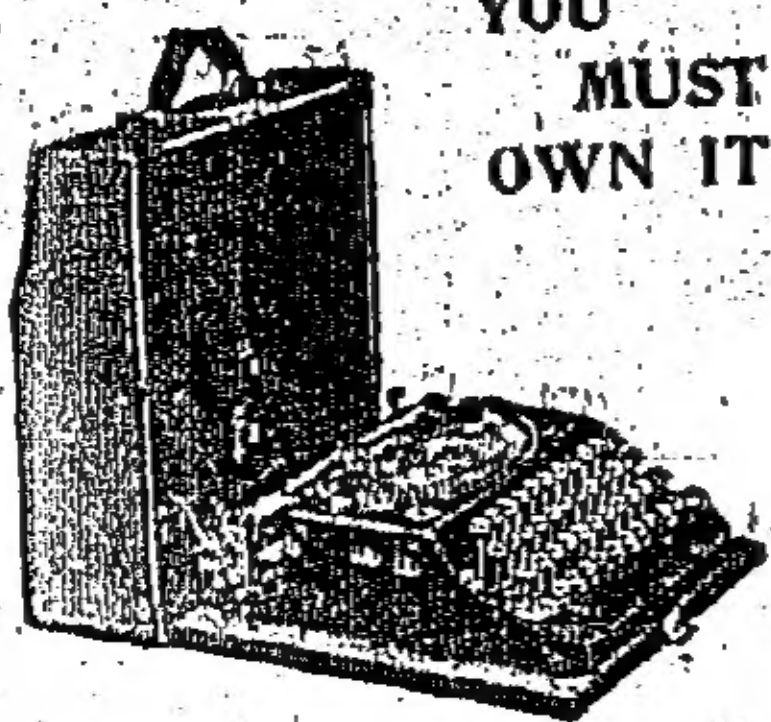
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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1927.

**BRITAIN AND THE NATIONALISTS.**

The Hankow correspondent of a Shanghai newspaper recently had a most interesting interview with Mr. Tong, the then Provisional Director of the Hankow Municipal Council, in the course of which this Chinese official expressed considerable regard for Britain. Educated in England, where he said he was treated with great kindness, Mr. Tong asserted that the Kuomintang Party had no special hostility towards Britain, but was, in fact, doing a good deal of propaganda and other means to correct this impression. It was "Imperialism," as he called it, from what ever quarter, that China would combat by every means. He added that he himself, as everyone in Hankow would admit, had tried to "play the game" with moderation and toleration.

Mr. Tong is described by the interviewer as a strong personality and as a man who deeply impressed him by his patriotism and earnestness. Unhappily, however, he is only one of the many prominent Kuomintang officials, and we would it could be said that all the others were as conciliatory as he. As to the statement that the Party is doing much by propaganda to correct the impression that there is special hostility towards Britain, all we can say is that we have never encountered any evidence supporting the assertion. On the contrary, we almost daily come across violent anti-British pronouncements from Kuomintang sources. And what, precisely, is this "Imperialism" about which the Nationalists are forever prating? The term is so loosely applied that we should be grateful for a definition of it. In any event, judging from Mr. Tong's observations, there must be other exponents of it beside Britain; yet we know that Britain has for the past two years and more been singled out for hatred and calumny. In the course of

his interview, Mr. Tong spoke in glowing terms of those who had helped the Nationalists with money, advice and sympathetic support, adding that China would never forget the friends who made possible her legitimate self-expression. No particular nation was named in this connection, but the impression one gets is that Mr. Tong was referring to the Soviet. Be that as it may, Britain's policy from beginning to end has been one of the strictest neutrality, and that is why she has not aided either with money or munitions either side in the struggle now proceeding. And we venture to assert that, of all the nations, Britain has, despite the malicious campaign of which she has been the victim, shown herself most ready to demonstrate her practical friendship towards the Nationalists. We need only refer to the Hankow and Kiukiang agreements to clinch that point.

Properly directed and guided, we have no hesitation in saying that the Nationalist movement could do much for China—more, indeed, than has ever yet been accomplished by any Chinese political group. But the first necessity is to give full scope to the moderates. Mr. Tong says his Party is aware of the dangers of a too extremist policy and of the perils of stirring up the unknown forces of Labour by too violent propaganda. We should like to feel that his views will in future dominate Kuomintang policy. Much will depend on the struggle now proceeding between the two wings of the Party.

#### War Debts.

Very probably the question of settling the inter-Ally and associated war debts will prove to be the most difficult of all the post-war problems. Most of the problems as between the victorious and defeated Powers have been settled on definite bases, although, of course, there are widely differing opinions as to the fairness of those bases. But the problem of adjusting the expenditures and borrowings of the allied and associated Powers remains an exceedingly thorny one, productive of much misunderstanding and not a little animosity. Britain has managed to get nearly all her creditors under definite funding agreements, but in every case there has been a very liberal reduction of the original bill. France has not yet signed a definite agreement with Britain but she is now making payments on account, a telegram received this week stating that she had paid her second contribution of \$2,000,000. On the other hand, Britain is paying away very large sums under her funding agreement with the United States. In spite of so many agreements there is a tremendous amount of unsatisfactory resentment everywhere, and it is not too much to say that this constant exchange of big cash sums between the various nations gives rise to what is a most regrettable discontent. It is interesting to read the reply which has been sent by Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, to the faculties of the Columbia and Princeton Universities, on the manifestos urging they have presented to the Government of the United States, because in it Mr. Mellon asserts that the re-opening of the question would be a backward step "calculated to produce discord and confusion." He further states that a nation is hardly likely to maintain its respect of other countries by sacrificing its own just claims. Mr. Mellon obviously speaks his honest conviction and also that of his colleagues in the United States Government, but we do suggest that it is the thought of having to pay these war debts that is producing "discord and confusion"—not openly expressed discord but that feeling of injustice which produces bias and distrust. America's stand is doubtless made on a high plane but it is one of which Europe has failed to approve, and one which will eventually have to be forsaken if the nations concerned are to get back to sincere goodwill.

The fourth anniversary of the establishment of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society was celebrated at the Lodge, No. 7, Duddell Street, yesterday evening, when Mr. J. Russell presided. Mr. H. B. Laneport, secretary, read the annual report, and also gave an address on "The Work of the Theosophical Society throughout the World." An address was also given by the Chairman. During the evening piano music was provided by Mr. Padina.

#### DAY BY DAY.

WORDS ARE WISE MEN'S COUNTERS, THEY DO BUT PLAY WITH THEM. THEY ARE THE MONEY OF FOOLS.—Hobbes.

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow is: "North-east winds, moderate; overcast."

The health return for yesterday shows three cases of small-pox and one of typhoid. All were Chinese.

Members of the St. George's Society are reminded of the annual meeting to be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Among the passengers arriving by the s.s. Empress of Canada last night were Mr. J. E. Joseph and Mr. A. Strok, the latter of whom is managing the Jascha Helfitz concert, at the Queen's Theatre on Monday and Tuesday.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut.-Commr. G. F. Holo, the mistress of a fishing boat pleaded guilty to using drugs and grapplings in the Naval Anchorage and was fined \$7, with the alternative of one week's imprisonment.

The Ministry of Communications in Canton announces that the wireless stations in Wuchang, Canton, Swatow and Foochow have been repaired and that radiograms will now be accepted from the public for transmission to the said places.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., assisted by Mr. C. D. Lake, (Tenor), on Friday, March 18th, at 5.45 p.m. There will also be a Recital on the following Friday, March 25th, at the same hour.—*Advt.*

The Musicals at the Helena May Institute last evening provided an entertainment of an extremely high standard, and the large audience was heartily appreciative. The artistes were Mrs. Balcan, Mrs. Russell Brown, Mrs. Hargreaves Brown and Eng. Commr. A. S. Bedells, while Mr. R. Baldwin accompanied.

#### ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

##### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Committee of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, to be presented at the tenth annual general meeting to be held in the Board Room, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at 5.30 p.m. to-day states:

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting to you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926. The cash balance in hand stands at \$626.94 and in addition, the sum of \$3,000 is on fixed deposit. During the year numerous calls have been made on the Society for assistance and grants to the sum of \$361.48 have been given.

On St. George's Day, a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph and later a concert was held at the Theatre Royal.

During the year '27 new members joined the Society. Your Committee deeply regret to record the death of the following members since the last report:—Mr. E. E. de W. Abney, Mr. D. A. G. Allison, Mr. A. A. Bolton, Mr. W. E. Clarke, Mr. W. T. Dye, Mr. R. Earnshaw, Mr. W. H. Gill, Mr. W. Hardwick, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. R. F. Mattingly, Mr. T. R. Meek, Mr. H. B. Mould and Mr. J. H. Oxberry, and extend sincere sympathy to their relations.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews to whom our thanks are due.

#### 21 YEARS AGO.

##### EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended March 23rd, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.11/16d.

In the final of the Soldiers' Club Challenge Football Shield, the West Kents beat the R. G. A. by three goals to nil.

At the China United Services Rifle Association championship meeting, Mr. P. P. J. Wedehouse was the highest scorer for the 600 yards.

A thousand people were killed and 600 injured by an earthquake in the district of Kugi in Formosa.

The Standard Oil Company's launch Comet was held up by pirates near Whampoa Fort and completely ransacked.

The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., increased its capital to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 60,000 new shares of \$10 each.

#### CHINA'S CUSTOMS.

##### WHAT THE INSPECTORATE HAS DONE.

The question of the future of the Chinese Maritime Customs is now so much in the forefront that anything which throws light on the past administration of the service under the Inspectorate General is not only timely but also of much usefulness to all interested in the great service. We have just received a copy of the new edition of the monograph recently published by the Statistical Department of the service, dealing with the collection and disposal of the revenue of the Chinese Maritime and Native Customs since the Revolution of 1911, together with an account of the Loan Services administered by the Inspector General, and find it an absorbingly-interesting record of a really great achievement.

In a foreword to the first confidential edition, Sir Francis Aglan (Inspector General) said that "as the question of Tariff Autonomy, with the prospect of a largely-increased revenue collection, is now the subject of serious discussion, it has seemed desirable to place on record, for convenient reference, an account of the stewardship exercised by me in pursuance of arrangements sanctioned by the Chinese Government for the due safeguarding of international and national obligations secured on Customs revenue."

Mr. Stanley E. Wright, who as Personal Secretary to the Inspector General had a chief share in recent developments, was asked to draw up a paper which should contain a complete history of the custodianship. Mr. Wright has spared no pains to make that paper as complete as possible, and he has fully set forth the various stages in the course of which the revenue collection (at first insufficient for the full service of the foreign obligations) has become the security for a large portion of China's national debt. The various authorities in virtue of which the trust of the Inspector General was accepted and maintained have been collated and brought together in convenient form, and in the Appendices are many useful tables explaining the working of the various loan services. The public publication of the work has now been deemed desirable owing to the rapid march of events in which the Customs Administration has become seriously involved. The monograph has also been revised and brought up to date.

The publication is of historic value as it fully recounts the history of the Customs and, incidentally, shows the great and valuable service which has been rendered to China by the Inspector General and his administration during all the troublous years since the Revolution of 1911. The price of the book is \$5 and it may be obtained at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.

#### WORKERS' UNIONS.

##### BIG HANKOW CONGRESS PLANNED.

The 4th Congress of the All-China General Workers' Union (lasting a fortnight) will be held in Hankow from May 1st to 14th. Preparations are being made by the Executive Committee of the Union. Unions which have 3,000 members will be allowed to send one delegate and one more, for each additional 3,000. Delegates for various lines of trade, and places (especially districts), which already have their own General Unions will be nominated by the All-China General Workers' Union. Each union is to be responsible for the travelling expenses of its own delegates. Board and lodging will be provided by the General A.C.G.W.U. and each boarder will be required to pay a small registration fee. The total estimated expenditure for various purposes is estimated at \$29,840. The Nationalist Government and Central Kuomintang Department will be asked to subsidize \$5,000, each, and the balance will be collected from the various unions.

A telegram has been sent to the General Workers' Unions in France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan and other countries inviting delegates to attend the Congress.

Hartford Conn.—Connecticut soon may become the twenty-first state in the union to allow women to sit on juries. A bill, supported by the Connecticut League of Women Voters has been introduced in the present session of the Legislature giving women that right. An exemption clause includes trained nurses, women carmen for sick members of their families and women who have the care of one of or more children under 16.

#### The Very Idea!

The mother stood right on the edge of the high cliff admiring the sea below, the sandwiches clutched in her left hand. Her husband sent their small son to her with a message.

"Father says," repeated the boy, "that it's not safe there, and you must either come away or give me the sandwiches to carry."

"I'd like to be a—could be— If I could not be an are. For a could be is a way-be. With a chance of toughing par. I'd rather be a has-been. Than a might-have-been by far. For a might-have-been has never been, But a has-been was an are."

In the course of his lecture on "Bermuda, where the Rainbow begins," Mr. Carveth Wells told the story of the discovery of Bermuda by Sir George Summers in 1609. During a storm Sir George Summers' ship was separated from the other ships of his fleet. When his ship was bearing down on some coral rocks and the situation seemed hopeless, Sir George sent for a bottle of wine.

The wine was soon forthcoming, and Sir George asked his two companions to drink to "life in a better world." The crash on the coral reef followed, and Sir George wildly remarked, "We have arrived." They had arrived—but on the Bermudas.

Man explaining at Tottenham how his face became badly bruised: "I said to another man that he had not the heart of a white mouse."

Woman fined at Willesden for not having a motoring licence: "I have not had one for over a year."

Willesden magistrate: Any questions to ask the witness? Defendant: Yes, two. I say she struck me and I say she's a liar.

Railway porter at Willesden: There is a lot of talk about our tips, but you can take it from me that any one here is welcome to all mine.

Mr. Roath, Lambeth magistrate: In certain walks of life, what is called "walking out" is the preliminary to getting engaged.

It is now possible for Aberdeen to telephone to New York at the rate of \$5 a minute. According to latest information, the attitude of most of the inhabitants was that of the boy (afterwards the second Lord Fife), who, given a shilling by his father to spend at a fair, came home with the coin unbroken, and the excuse that he "had seen nothing he liked better nor the shilling."

Claims brought by Bagdad merchants against the Mesopotamian Railways for damage caused by floods have failed miserably. An English barrister who was paid \$4,000 as a retaining fee found himself confronted with difficulties which he was powerless to overcome, and he decided that it was useless to pursue the case further. The merchants appealed to him to consider the possibility of refunding part of his retaining fee, and at a meeting he informed them he had despatched his reply by registered post. The registered letters were duly delivered, the next morning. They informed the merchants that the barrister had no intention of making a refund as suggested, because they had all agreed that he had done his best. He considered his services ended from that day.

It is not man's natural condition to be comfortable.—Sir Bamfylde Fuller.

I do not understand those people who tell me as leader of the Opposition that, because the Government is doing something, I ought to do the opposite.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The English are the only people who laugh at themselves.—Mr. Frank Swinnerton.

Concentrated study of the newspaper is a Christian's duty.—Miss Christal Pankhurst.

There is a real danger in the continual talk on the subject of peace in industry: it suggests that the normal state of industry is war.—Capt. H. Macmillan, M.P.

Gladstone was Christian citizenship personified.—Mr. Lloyd George.

The time is ripe for the establishment of technical education for washerwomen.—Prof. W. Davies.

Mr. J. Andrews, of No. 6 Mody Road, Kowloon, reported to the Police yesterday that between the hours of nine and eleven the previous night some person or persons unknown stole from his rack in the passage an overcoat, a rain coat, two felt hats and a cap, to the total value of \$56.



**"SPLIT" CLAIMS.****FIVE CASES WITHDRAWN.**

Five Summary Court claims, totalling over \$8,000, between the same parties on promissory notes, which were alleged to have been "split" into smaller amounts in order to bring them within the jurisdiction of the Court, which has a limit of \$1,000, were again before the Court this morning, after having been adjourned from Friday of last week. Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiff and Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the defendant.

This morning, his Lordship (Mr. P. Jacks) said he had received a letter from Messrs. Leo and Russ that the claims had been withdrawn, but Mr. Strellett replied that he had not been notified of their withdrawal. The cases had been adjourned to-day on that account. If the cases had been withdrawn, he would ask for costs on each of the cases.

Mr. Russ remarked that he could say nothing. Had his client been willing to do so, he would have fought the cases.

His Lordship remarked that he thought Mr. Strellett was entitled to costs up to date.

Mr. Russ replied that he was certainly entitled to costs.

His Lordship accordingly made an order for costs in favour of Mr. Strellett.

Last Friday, Mr. Strellett contended that the five writs really represented one claim of over \$8,000, but they had been split into smaller amounts in order to bring them within the jurisdiction of the Court. He said the Ordinance provided that that practice should not be followed, and that the action should have been brought for the one total amount in Original Jurisdiction. Mr. Russ contended that the claims represented five different transactions, and five different promissory notes.

**NEW PUISNE JUDGE.****MR. P. JACKS CONGRATULATED.**

At the commencement of the Summary Court business this morning, Mr. C. A. S. Russ expressed pleasure, on behalf of the legal profession, at seeing Mr. P. Jacks in the position of acting Puisne Judge, and assured him of the hearty co-operation of members of the profession.

Mr. Jacks, formerly Land Officer, has been elevated to the position of acting Puisne Judge in place of Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, who has been transferred to Iraq to fill the post of Legal Secretary to the High Commissioner.

Mr. Russ said he spoke as the senior member, as far as years were concerned, in compliance with a request from members of the profession, who wished to express the great appreciation they felt at seeing Mr. Jacks sitting on the Bench. He could rest assured he would receive the hearty co-operation of all members who appeared before him.

Replying, his Lordship expressed thanks, and remarked that he was no stranger as he had known most of the members since he had been in the Colony, and his relations had always been happy ones. He added that he hoped those relations would continue while he had the honour of presiding over the Summary Court.

**CONSTABLE INSULTED.****CHINESE YOUTH FINED.**

In bringing a charge of disorderly conduct against a young Chinese named Philip Kong, a Sikh policeman complained that he was called a "d—nigger" in addition to other swear words.

The offence was stated to have occurred after the Sikh had drawn attention to a number of plates being missing from the rear of the defendant's car. The No. 7 Police Station was just across the way, and the policeman invited the defendant to go there with him.

Divisional Inspector Grant stated that the constable had a good knowledge of English. The defendant, when brought into his charge-room, seemed to treat the matter as a huge joke.

It occurred to Mr. R. E. Lind-sell to question what school the defendant went to, and the latter said it was the Sacred Heart School at Yau-mat.

"Don't be idiotic," ejaculated his Worship as defendant proceeded to give his version of the affair. The constable could not have invented such words.

When the defendant offered to bring a witness, who was with him in the car, his Worship remarked:—"Don't bother to bring him into Court. You are fined \$10."

**COMPANY REPORT.****HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.**

The General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., in submitting the fifty-eighth annual report of the Company, state:

Working Account 1926.—This account shows a surplus of \$529,101.49.

Reinsurance Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate \$20,474,105, at exchange 1/11½—\$209,101.49, out of the profit of the year 1926 to the credit of this Fund. The Fund will then stand at \$229,042,107.

Dividend.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in recommending a dividend of \$40 per share absorbing \$320,000.00.

Working Account 1926.—The balance at credit of this Account is \$670,786.68.

Consulting Committee.—The General Managers regret to have to record the death of Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., who has been actively interested in this Company since 1886 in the capacity of a member of the Consulting Committee. Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

**SPECTACULAR FILM.****"THE FLAMING FRONTIER."**

One of the most thrilling and spectacular films ever seen in the Colony is at present being shown at the Queen's Theatre. This is "The Flaming Frontier," a story of the Red Indians' last stand against civilisation, in which there is a most effective combination of historic incident and romance. The main theme is woven around the activities of the peripatetic "Indian ring" in Washington which sells arms and liquor to the Indians, but the greater part of the action is in the vast Western wilds. It would be difficult to conceive a more realistic presentation of the series of thrilling happenings which are recorded, in which connection the massacre of General Custer and the Seventh Cavalry must be mentioned as being a really remarkable piece of cinematography. Described as the greatest outdoor picture ever produced, "The Flaming Frontier" is well up to its reputation, and no-one should miss seeing it at the final showings to-day and to-morrow. There is an exceptionally strong cast, including Hoot Gibson, who is responsible for some remarkable horsemanship, Dustin Farnum, George Fawcett, Anne Cornwall and Harry Todd.

An additional attraction at the 9.20 session last night was the band concert by the musicians of the 1st Border Battalion, who were given a great reception and who are again appearing to-night, whilst to-morrow the band of the Cameronians will be heard.

**RICKSHA INCIDENT.****INSOLENT COOLIE CAUTIONED.**

Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, as complainant against a ricksha coolie who was charged with using abusive language.

In the witness box, Mr. Ruttonjee said he was travelling along Nathan Road yesterday afternoon. When about to turn into Kimberley Road, the coolie attempted to take the corner at a high speed. Seeing two buses approaching in opposite directions, witness ordered the coolie to slow down. The coolie, instead of going slower, threw down the ricksha shafts and it was due to complainant's presence of mind that he did not fall from the vehicle. The coolie then became angry and abused witness. Mr. Ruttonjee continued to his destination but on his return to the Star Ferry he reported the case to the police.

The defendant denied that he used abusive language, stating that he was merely explaining to the complainant that there would have been no danger to cross the road before the buses. The defendant told witness that he was not the only one whose life would have been endangered.

On the defendant's record showing seven years' service without any previous offence, his Worship discharged him with a caution.

**THE VOLUNTEERS.****LATEST CORPS ORDERS.**

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders, issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

**Recruits Parade.**

On Tuesday, March 22nd, all recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff, rifle and bayonet.

**Signal Class.**

On Thursday, March 24th, at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m., under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll, O.C. Units will detail men whom they wish trained as signallers to attend and submit a list of names of same to Corps Headquarters.

**Mounted Infantry Company.**

There will be a tactical ride in the Fanling district conducted by 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara. Those wishing to attend should leave Kowloon by the 9.15 a.m. train. This is the last opportunity for riding in the New Territories before the ponies are brought in to Hongkong on March 23rd.

Dress: Plain clothes. Rifles will not be carried. Compasses, binoculars and note books should be brought, if in possession.

Those wishing to lunch at the "Hunters' Arms" should inform 2/Lieut. Macnamara by Thursday noon, at the latest.

Monday, March 21st. There will be a meeting of all ranks at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. to arrange the entries for the annual rifle meeting.

**Armoured Car Company.**

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Special Class of Machine Gun instruction under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock at 5.30 p.m., for all members of the Mobile Column, A.C. Company. A good attendance is specially requested.

All members of the Motor Cycle Section who can turn out in connection with the Kirkpatrick scheme will parade at Blake Pier on Sunday, March 26th, at 9.15 a.m. with motor cycles. Dress: Muff. All who can attend notify 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock immediately.

**Scottish Company.**

Musketry Part I. will be fired on Sunday, March 20th, at Stonecutters Range.

Range Officer: Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

Launce will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or muff optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken. Part I. must be fired in drill order whether over uniform or muff.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 18th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 19th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In order to facilitate entries for Corps Rifle Meeting on April 17th and 18th, it is hoped as many members as possible of the Company will avail themselves of this opportunity of shooting.

Future Programme. A course on the Vickers Gun will be held every Thursday at Corps Headquarters commencing at 5.30 p.m. and a full attendance at such parade is solicited.

Thursday, March 24th, at 5.30 p.m.

No. 5 (Taihook Platoon) will parade at Taihook for musketry.

No. 6 (Kowloon Platoon) will parade at Kowloon Docks for musketry.

No. 7 (City Platoon) will parade at Corps Headquarters for Vickers Gun.

Dress for all Platoons: Muff, rifle and bayonet.

**Infantry Company.**

(No. 4 Platoon: Portuguese Company).

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the above Platoon on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the Company on Sunday, March 27th, at Stonecutters and Peak Ranges.

Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters, between the following hours:—Friday, March 26th, 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, March 26th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Stonecutters Range: Launce will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Range Officer: Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell.

Peak Range: Firing will commence at 9.20 a.m.—last tram up 9 a.m.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Dress for both ranges: Muff or uniform optional but belts, braces and pouches must be taken in addition to rifle and bayonet.

**Strength.**

The following recruits are taken of strength and posted as under:—No. 1161 Pte. H. A. B. Botelho, No. 4 Platoon; No. 1162 Pte. F. D. Leonard, Reserve Co.; No. 1163 Pte. R. G. Xavier, No. 4 Platoon; No. 1164 Pte. A. J. V. Ribeiro, No. 4 Platoon; No. 1165 Pte. L. A. Rescario, No. 4 Platoon; No. 1166 Pte. E. F. Brown, No. 4 Platoon; No. 1167 Pte. H. C. Remedios, No. 4 Platoon; No. 1168 Pte. D. L. Stewart, No. 1 Platoon; No. 1169 Pte. P. M. Baptista, No. 4 Platoon.

**Promotions and Appointments.**

No. 601 Sergt. C. W. Langley, Artillery Company, is promoted to Quarter Master Sergeant, as from March 14th, 1927.

Armoured Car Company.—No. 1040 Pte. R. E. Valentine to be Corporal; No. 1057 Pte. T. W. Scutham to be Lance-Corporal; No. 877 Pte. F. N. Doodhia to be Lance-

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Dick Deadeye"**

Corporal, No. 309 Corpl. G. H. Cut-hill, of the Kowloon Scottish Platoon, to be promoted Sergeant.

**Transfer.**

No. 1059 Pte. J. H. M. Andrew (Infantry Company), as from March 5th, 1927.

**Reversion.**

No. 632 Corpl. W. C. Clark, Armoured Car Company, reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from March 11th, 1927.

**Leave.**

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—No. 185 Corpl. G. B. Layton, Reserve Co., from April 1st to December 31st, 1927; No. 770 Pte. T. C. Monaghan, No. 1 Platoon, from March 30th to September 30th, 1927; No. 239 Pte. D. D. Urquhart, No. 2 Platoon, is granted six months' extension of leave from March 1st to August 31st, 1927.

**Resignations.**

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—No. 826 Sergt. J. F. W. Plascott, Engineer Co.; No. 535 Pte. W. T. Daley, No. 2 Platoon. R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. C. Hongkong, March 18, 1927.

**Notices.**

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their first meeting at Peak Range on Sunday, March 20th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

Programmes for the Annual Rifle Meetings are now ready and can be obtained on application to the Orderly Room.

**MORO CHIEF.****ON TRIAL IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

Zamboanga, March 10.—With 62 witnesses for the prosecution and 50 for the defence, the trial of Datu Tahil for sedition opened in Jolo to-day. Judge Bayasan is trying the case.

Datu Tahil and Datu Tarson, his brother-in-law, are being tried separately. There will be a later trial of the followers and supporters of Datu Tahil in his recent effort to resist the collection of land taxes, which ended in the flight of Tahil and the death of many of his people at the hands of the constabulary.

The courtroom was crowded at the opening of the trial. Dramatic developments were expected. Princess Tarshata Kiram, Ameri-can college girl and wife of Tahil, and Putil Intan, sister of Tahil and wife of Datu Tarson, were close witnesses. Attorneys Fernandez and Manuel are conducting the defence.

Because of the large number of witnesses the trial is expected to take at least two weeks. The only witnesses heard to-day were Mr. Silvestre, provincial treasurer, and Mr. Jurabal, a clerk.

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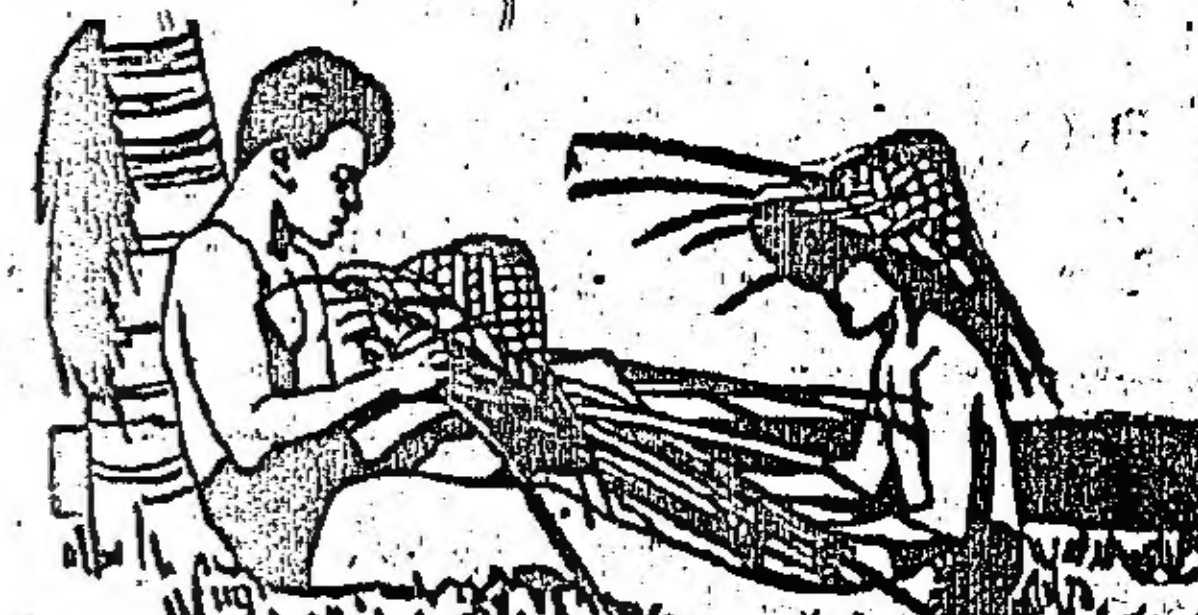
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Eden (says the *Sunday Chronicle*).

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her strange company, fades from  
sight, the violet mists of the south-  
ern horizon will serve as a curtain  
for the first act of an astonishing  
real-life drama.

The nine men are sailing to join  
their twelve misanthropic com-  
rades who have been busy build-  
ing bungalows amid the tropic  
vegetation that mantles the tiny  
island of Santa Maria, in the  
Galapagos group, off the coast of  
Ecuador, South America.

## Eternal Entanglements.

Here, where such giant tortoises  
as Louis de Rougemont describes,  
crawl lazily under burning equa-  
torial skies, and where the craters  
of two hundred volcanoes now and  
then spume forth burning ashes  
and smoke, the twenty-one adven-  
turers will make their home. That  
home is to be without a woman.

Why upon this erstwhile base  
of the old-time buccaners? Why  
on this far-off isle uninhabited  
these many years?

Captain August Christensen,  
leader of the expedition, an-  
swers:—"Because where there are  
women there is trouble. We are  
taking over Santa Maria to escape  
the eternal entanglements of a  
woman-ridden civilisation."

The personal experience of  
these Adams who will have no  
more of Eve, has been bitter.  
Three are divorced; the other  
eighteen are separated from their  
wives. They have tried the ortho-  
dox Eden and found it a place of  
strife; they are going to have a  
new one of their own.

## Dead Buccaneers!

Emancipated from feminine  
thrall, they fondly picture a  
life of harmonious bliss, an exist-  
ence without bills or bickerings.

For their purpose, they could  
not have chosen a more perfect  
place.

Santa Maria, like the other isles  
of this burning archipelago, has a  
perfect climate, tropical, but cool-  
ed by the Peruvian current. The  
scenery is opulently magnificent  
with luxuriant vegetation.

The Ecuadorian Government  
has granted the land to the Eve-  
less colonisers who are anticipat-  
ing, not only tranquil domestic  
lives, but the piling up of vast  
fortunes from the cultivation of  
the amazingly prolific soil, and the  
whale fishing.

Centuries ago, this glowing isle  
echoed to the drunken shouts of  
buccaners who used it as their  
headquarters, and whose bones  
have grown white under the sun.

## Ribbed Skeletons.

Old barrels, mere ribbed skele-  
tons, leathern bottles, ancient fire-  
locks and awe-inspiring sabres,  
alone remain to tell the tale of  
forgotten acts of high seas' piracy,  
bloodshed, and debauch.

In those days it was known as  
Charlie's Island, so named after a  
notorious cut-throat follower of  
the Black Flag. Later, for a short  
time, it became a penal settlement,  
then it returned to its eternal  
dreams.

Santa Maria abounds in wild  
game which will yield the Eveless  
Colony meat in plenty. On a  
clear day, a dim shadow on the  
horizon, Juan Fernandez Island,  
where Robinson Crusoe was  
marooned, is visible.

## First Revolution.

What will be the second chap-  
ter in this romantic adventure?  
It is foreshadowed by an incident  
that happened a few weeks ago.

One evening a member of the  
"Floresana's" crew went ashore.  
When he came back to the ship,  
he announced his intention of  
withdrawing from the enterprise.

He had been regarded as one of  
the most bitter of woman haters.  
And his escape was prevented  
at the eleventh hour by the wiles  
of a woman. He found that Eve,  
after all, is not so bad, not so  
destitute of charms, that one need  
flee from her so far as the Equa-  
tor.

In the days to come there may  
be a rebel who will take courage  
from the ghosts of the dead buc-  
caners, and lift aloft the jazz  
flag of modern Eve and declare for  
the admission of women.

And when that day arrives,  
perhaps a few among the little  
company of misanthropes will slip  
over to his side and bring about  
the first revolution in the Eveless  
Paradise.

Time will show; meanwhile the  
graceful lines of the Floresana as  
she lies in the harbour of San  
Francisco are an object of deep  
interest to every bobbed-haired  
maiden.

## MAYOR'S PORTRAIT COMEDY.

TO BE PUBLICLY BURNED.

A remarkable situation has de-  
veloped at Liverpool, out of the  
controversy concerning the por-  
trait in oils of Alderman J. W.  
Holdsworth, which was presented  
to him on behalf of the women of  
Wallasey on the conclusion of his  
year as Mayor of the borough  
two months ago. A committee  
of eight women set out to  
collect one hundred guineas to  
pay for the portrait, but only  
half of that amount was obtained,  
and as the balance is not forth-  
coming the artist, Mr. J. A. A.  
Berrie, proposes taking legal  
action against the women's com-  
mittee.

A leading member of the com-  
mittee declares that "at the time  
the presentation was made Alder-  
man Holdsworth was informed  
that about half the amount was  
subscribed and he promised to pay  
the rest, but he has not done so  
yet."

Alderman Holdsworth is indig-  
nant at the situation that has arisen  
and has stated that he will not  
now accept the portrait in any  
circumstances and "would rather  
see it publicly burned."

This latter statement has given  
a certain film corporation a bright  
idea. Seizing upon the ex-Mayor's  
words, they have offered to meet  
his desire by giving the portrait  
a public burning on the shore of  
New Brighton. The only condi-  
tions they impose are that the  
burning shall be preceded by a  
public parade headed by a brass  
band and that the film of the  
unique episode be displayed at  
their own discretion not only lo-  
cally but throughout the kingdom.

If his offer is accepted the film  
company undertakes to defray all  
expenses in connection with the  
burning, and to pay the artist's  
fee. The withdrawal of the writs  
against the women's committee  
would then follow.

## The Mayor is Willing.

Alderman Holdsworth, in an in-  
terview expressed approval of the  
idea of burning his portrait.  
"The portrait is going to be burn-  
ed," he said, "and I am quite will-  
ing it should be burned for the  
film. I hope it will be possible  
for me to do the burning. I  
would like it to be known every-  
where that I, the ex-Mayor of  
Wallasey, was personally respon-  
sible for putting the flame to that  
portrait; and I would like the film  
to be shown all over the country.  
This is not mere bravado on my  
part; I take this stand as a public  
protest for the shameful way in  
which I have been treated in this  
matter."

Mr. Holdsworth added that he  
had had two offers from film com-  
panies, and the best offer would  
secure the job. By "best offer"  
he did not mean in the money  
sense, but in the sense of doing  
the thing thoroughly. "There is  
no telling but that as a result of  
the burning of this portrait I may  
become a film star," he declared.

He strongly denied having ever  
agreed to become a party to pay-  
ing for the portrait.

The portrait, which was pre-  
sented to the Mayor some time  
ago, is now in a committee-room  
at the Town Hall. Had things  
gone smoothly the Mayor would  
have presented it to the Corpora-  
tion to be hung in the Town Hall

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

LOCAL SONS OF ERIN  
CELEBRATE OCCASION.

Local Irishmen celebrated St.  
Patrick's Day with the staging of  
an enjoyable concert at St. Pat-  
rick's Club, Garden Road, last  
night, the Hall of St. Joseph's  
Church, where the function took  
place, being filled by a large au-  
dience of civilians, Servicemen  
and clergymen.

The lengthy programme, of 24  
vocal, comic and instrumental  
items, opened with a selec-  
tion by the recently organiz-  
ed Portuguese Philharmonic  
Band, under the conductorship of  
Mr. S. Pinna. Precedence being  
of course given to songs of Erin,  
"Dear Little Shamrock," feelingly  
sung by Mr. J. Mahoney, found a  
place of honour in the programme.  
This was followed by contribu-  
tions from Messrs. F. White, E. G.  
D'Aquino, G. F. D'Aquino, J. Byrne,  
J. Bowler, G. Newell, G. Coyle, J.  
Grenham, F. Cusack, M. Lewis,  
Kelly, and Masters J. Dillon and  
J. Rozzi. Mr. J. Bruga rendered a  
violin selection, while Fr. Riganti  
played the accompaniments to  
some of the songs.

It was an excellent concert, re-  
flecting great credit on those tak-  
ing part. The arrangements were  
in the hands of Messrs. Wilkin-  
son, Adams, and McCarlton, headed by  
Fr. Riganti.

## U. S. OIL SCANDAL.

MR. SINCLAIR FOUND GUILTY  
OF CONTEMPT.

Washington, March 17.  
Mr. Harry Sinclair, the oil  
magnate, whose trial began here  
on the 7th inst. has been found  
guilty of contempt of the Senate  
for refusing to answer four ques-  
tions put to him by the Senate  
Public Lands Committee on March  
22, 1924, during the Senate's in-  
vestigation of the Teapot Dome  
naval oil lease. The penalty is  
imprisonment for not less than one  
month and not exceeding twelve  
months. It is almost certain that  
Mr. Sinclair will appeal.—  
*Reuter's American Service.*

## UNEMPLOYMENT.

STEADILY REDUCED DURING  
FEBRUARY.

London, March 17.  
The Ministry of Labour  
*Gazette* states that throughout  
February there was a continuous  
improvement in employment affect-  
ing the most important indus-  
tries. Improvement was most  
marked in the iron, mining, ship-  
building, iron and steel manufac-  
ture, constructional engineering,  
textile industries, and building.—  
*British Wireless.*

with paintings of previous  
mayors.

The artist has been offered the  
50 guineas or so which has been  
subscribed "on account," but has  
declined to accept anything less  
than his full fee on the ground  
that it would be "contrary to pro-  
fessional etiquette."

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way. A method different in formula,  
action and effect from any you have  
ever used. This offers you a test. Sim-  
ply use the coupon; it brings free a  
10-day tube.

Look for film on your teeth—that's  
the cause. How to combat it

Look at your teeth. If dull, cloudy,  
run your tongue across them. You will  
feel a film. That's the cause of the  
trouble. You must fight it.

Film is that viscous coat which you  
feel. It clings to teeth, gets into  
crevices and stays. It hides the natural  
luster of your teeth.  
It also holds food substance which ferments and causes acid.  
In contact with teeth, this acid invites decay. Millions of germs  
breed in it. And they, with tartar, are the chief cause of pyorrhea.  
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may indicate danger, grave danger to your teeth.

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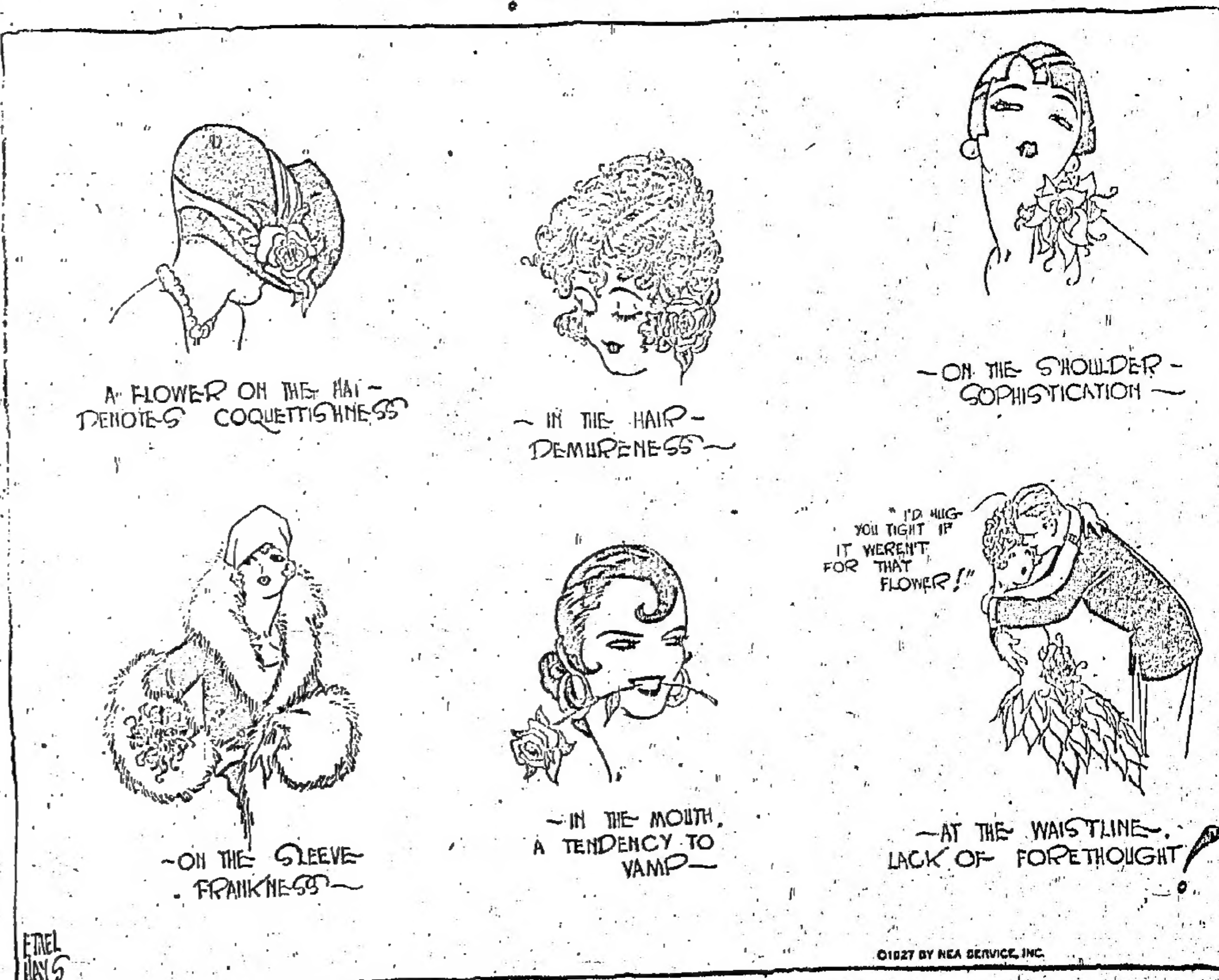
SENATOR KING NOT TO GO  
TO HAITI.

Santo Domingo, March 17.  
Senator King has announced he  
will not attempt to enter Haiti as  
it is feared his presence might  
provoke trouble. He wished to  
avoid untoward incidents in a  
friendly country.—*Reuter's Ameri-  
can Service.*

[A telegram from Washington  
on March 16 stated that political

circles were keenly inter-  
ested in the dilemma con-  
fronting Mr. Kellogg, Se-  
cretary of the State Depart-  
ment, regarding the case of Sena-  
tor King, who was at Porto Rico  
preparing to sail to Haiti. The  
President of the Republic had re-  
fused to permit Mr. King to enter  
Haiti as an "undesirable," pre-  
sumably on account of Mr. King's  
persistent attacks on the present  
state of affairs there and his cri-  
ticism of President Borno.]

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## THE PAMIAI LENINA.

## REASONS FOR THE SEIZURE.

Nanking, March 17.  
 Reuter has received from an authoritative Chinese source a written statement of the Chinese case for the seizure of the steamer Pamiai Lenina. The decision to search the ship at Nanking was made on reliable information that she was unlawfully engaged. It states that the search "more than justified suspicions" for buried deep under approximately 150 tons of coal in the hold was a tremendous quantity of anti-foreign propaganda literature in the Chinese, Russian and English languages.

In "Diplomatic bags" in the custody of the "Diplomatic couriers" (who were travelling not under diplomatic passports as they should have been had they been diplomatic couriers, but under ordinary passports) were documents "containing schemes for action in the Yangtze valley and in and around Shanghai, which, if carried out, would endanger other than Chinese interests."

Eleven Compradores.

After remarking that the Chinese military authorities refrained from saying more about these documents for fear of precipitating an international crisis, the statement goes on to say that in addition to the regular crew there were eleven Chinese compradores and over thirty wharf coolies who claimed to be deckhands for loading and unloading cargoes.

It points out that in river transportation in China, there is no need for such hands, all cargo being handled by wharf coolies, and no ship carries more than one comprador. It declares that unless these "compradores" and "coolies" were there for the handling of a special kind of "cargo" their presence on the ship was a mystery. It states that "Mrs. Grosberg" (Mrs. Borodin) revealed her identity only when cards and mails in her possession bearing the name Borodin were found among her possessions, "which unfortunately for her also included important Soviet documents."

The statement concludes saying that the fact that the so-called diplomatic bags should contain "such plots as indicated is a matter which the military authorities are unable to understand, and which is now the subject of Russo-Chinese communications."—Reuter.

## THE SINGAPORE SHOOTING.

## INQUEST ON RECENT TRAGEDY OPENS.

Singapore, March 17.  
 The inquest on the recent shootings opened to-day. The Solicitor General opened for the Crown. The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow when a European witness will be heard. It will then be adjourned until the twenty-eighth. It is expected to last fourteen days.

Counsel represented the arrested men and the relatives of the deceased, also the Chinese Consul General of Singapore on instructions of the Peking Government.

It is stated that six were killed and not seven. The Solicitor General said that the Inspector was the only European officer at the station. He would say that he was dizzy and in a fainting condition and unable to remember whether he gave the order to fire. The Malay sergeant would say that the Inspector gave the order.

The crowd was very threatening. When they tried to rush the station four rounds of blank ammunition were fired, then 59 rounds of live ammunition.

The jury consists of three Chinese and two Europeans.—Our Own Correspondent.

## STABLE GOVERNMENT.

## REV. DR. J. P. BRUCE'S PLAN FOR CHINA.

London, March 17.  
 Local autonomy for the provinces, with power to elect Governors, vote taxes, control armies and the Central Government, which is only assigned revenues from the Customs, Posts and Railways, was a plan suggested for a stable government for China by the Rev. Dr. J. P. Bruce, lecturer on Chinese language and literature at London University in a lecture to the Central Asian Society.

Dr. Bruce, who was for thirty-six years in China, declared there was an insufficient number of statesmenlike and experienced Chinese to form a large Parliament and suggested a Council consisting of two from each province. Rehabilitation might be obtained by means of Western loans to the Central Government and provinces.—Reuter.

## SERBIAN CHARGED.

## ALLEGED THEFT OF \$30.

On the eve of leaving the Colony with the remainder of the troupe, George Petroff, a Serbian, who arrived in Hongkong together with a number of other actors, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with larceny of \$30 from the accountant of a shop in Canton Road by means of a trick, and with offering a bribe of \$7.50 to a Chinese detective.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defendant.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Fallon said the defendant went to the Hon Shing Lung rice flour shop at No. 1074, Canton Road, at 1.30 p.m. on the 14th inst. He informed the accountant that he wanted to purchase two sacks of rice flour. The accountant told the defendant the flour was \$3.75 per sack.

On the price being agreed upon, the defendant tendered a \$100 bank note in payment. Nine \$10 notes were returned to the defendant, who before he had received the balance of his change, requested that he be given a \$50 bill.

The accountant replied that he had no notes of that denomination, at which Petroff refused to make his purchase. He handed back the small notes to the accountant and received in return his \$100. The defendant then left the shop, going away on a bicycle.

## Thirty Shirts.

Re-counting the notes, the accountant discovered that \$30 had been taken from the wad. A search of the district failed to reveal any signs of the defendant, but sometime afterwards Petroff was seen walking near the Po Hing Theatre in Nathan Road. With the assistance of a Chinese detective, he was taken into custody.

The party proceeded to the Police Station and on their way, the defendant gave the complainant \$30. On nearing the station, Petroff extracted a small roll of notes, which he offered the detective.

Sub-Inspector Fallon added that when searched at the Station only a \$100 note was found in his possession.

In evidence, the accountant said that he spoke to his customer in *portuguese*, while Petroff conversed in the *Portuguese* language. The bargaining was conducted mainly by gesticulations, the defendant understanding some Cantonese.

Referring to the incidents after the arrest, witness said that after being given the \$30, the defendant later offered him a wad of small notes, which he rejected. Petroff then handed the money to the detective, who took the notes.

Examined by Sub-Inspector Fallon, the accountant said that he did not know if the detective actually took the money.

A Foreign Language.  
 Cross-examined as regards the events, which took place inside the shop, witness said that the defendant spoke a foreign language, which, judging by the defendant's appearance, he thought was Portuguese.

Witness caused much laughter, when on being asked by Mr. d'Almada, he said that the defendant's solicitor was undoubtedly an Englishman.

Mr. d'Almada: To be quite frank you did not understand him and he did not understand you?—Yes.

In reply to further questions, witness said that the notes when returned to him were placed on the counter. The \$10 note and the smaller notes were never on any occasion put together.

The detective gave evidence of arrest and said that on approaching the door of the Police Station, the defendant drew from his coat pocket a sum of money, which he held out in his clenched fist. The accused was then taken into the station and handed over to Sub-Inspector Fallon.

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that the second sum of money was first offered to the complainant and then to witness.

His Worship intimated that there was not sufficient evidence on the charge of bribery and it was dismissed.

The Explanation.  
 Mr. d'Almada produced the defendant's statement made at the Police Station immediately after his arrest and said that as the accused could not add anything further to that evidence he did not propose calling him to give evidence.

Referring to the statement Mr. d'Almada reviewed the evidence of the prosecution and said that on that evidence there was some doubt as to the guilt of the defendant, who was always entitled to the benefit of that doubt.

Regarding the incident in the shop, Mr. d'Almada said that on receiving the nine \$10 notes, the defendant would naturally take five from them to hand back to the accountant for the \$50 he asked for. He had inadvertently put the other three or four notes into his

## TREVOR'S CASE.

## LIGHTER SENTENCE IMPOSED.

Having successfully applied for a re-hearing of his case, Ernest Trevor appeared before Major C. Willson yesterday on two charges of larceny and a further charge of possessing an automatic pistol without a permit.

Trevor was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, while Detective Inspector Murphy prosecuted.

It will be recalled that on March 8, Trevor was sentenced to one month's hard labour on each of the two charges of larceny and fined \$50 or a further month for possession of a pistol without a permit.

At the outset of the case Mr. Russ stated that on the evidence which his Worship heard at the previous hearing, there was not the least doubt that his Worship was bound to convict. He wanted to make that point perfectly clear, and all he was asking for was that his Worship, after hearing Trevor's story, would reconsider the sentence.

Mr. Russ went on to say that Trevor had no criminal intention of stealing and as a matter of fact was not aware that he was committing a theft in law.

In the witness box Trevor stated that he was a salesman. He had absolutely no idea or intention to steal. He took the articles from Haynes' room as security for money due to him by Haynes, which he had earned. He had got nearly all the advertisements for the *Ladies' Journal* and was only paid \$3 for his trouble. He had asked Haynes' time and again for the money due him, but without success, and eventually he decided to take some of Haynes' stuff to ensure payment.

As regards the articles belonging to Madame Gauchier, Trevor stated that he thought the room where Madame Gauchier lived belonged to Haynes. He saw a few pairs of men's socks, a few ties and accordingly took them.

Detective Inspector Murphy: Your intention was to leave the Colony on the 27th February?—Yes, that was part of my work. I intended to return.

You state that you took Mr. Haynes' property as security. Did you let Haynes know about it?—No. I saw Haynes, practically every day, and asked for the money due to me, but did not get it. I intended to treat the matter as a joke and give him the things back when I got the money.

When Mr. Haynes told you that he had some shirts stolen, did you not say you were very sorry for him?—He mentioned the matter in the King Edward Hotel Bar and I could not tell him anything there as the place was crowded.

Addressing his Worship, Inspector Murphy said: I am of the opinion that Trevor got off very lightly for the offence he committed.

Mr. Russ: I have the greatest admiration for the Police, but this is rather an extraordinary way of going on—this is going too far. I have never heard of Police officers dictating to a Magistrate before. I cannot account for the unusual zeal of the Officer in charge of this case.

Mr. Russ then stated that his Worship, having heard defendant in the witness box, would be satisfied that whatever foolish things Trevor might have done he was sufficiently punished by having undergone part of his sentence.

His Worship: I expressed the opinion in the hearing the other day that the charges have been proved against the defendant, and I see no reason to alter my view. Apparently he had a good claim on Mr. Haynes, but he should not have taken Haynes' property to protect himself.

His Worship, however, altered the previous sentence and made it one month for each charge of larceny to run concurrently instead of consecutively. The sentence for possession of arms without a proper permit (\$50 or one month) was allowed to stand.

packet and when told that the accountant did not possess a \$50 note had placed the wad of notes on the counter without recollecting that he had put the other notes in his pocket.

When he had discovered the three \$10 notes sometime later he was on his way to the shop to refund the notes, thinking that a mistake had been made, when he was arrested. Mr. d'Almada submitted that if the defendant were guilty he would not have been walking about the streets.

The defendant when arrested had willingly handed back the \$30 as he would have done in any case. On seeing that the detective still persisted in arresting him he thought that he was being taken into custody for not purchasing the flour after having bargained for it. He therefore handed the price of two sacks of rice to the complainant, and in his refusing to accept the money he offered it to the detective.

His Worship said that while defendant's actions in the shop were suspicious, he did not think there was enough evidence to convict. The defendant was therefore discharged.



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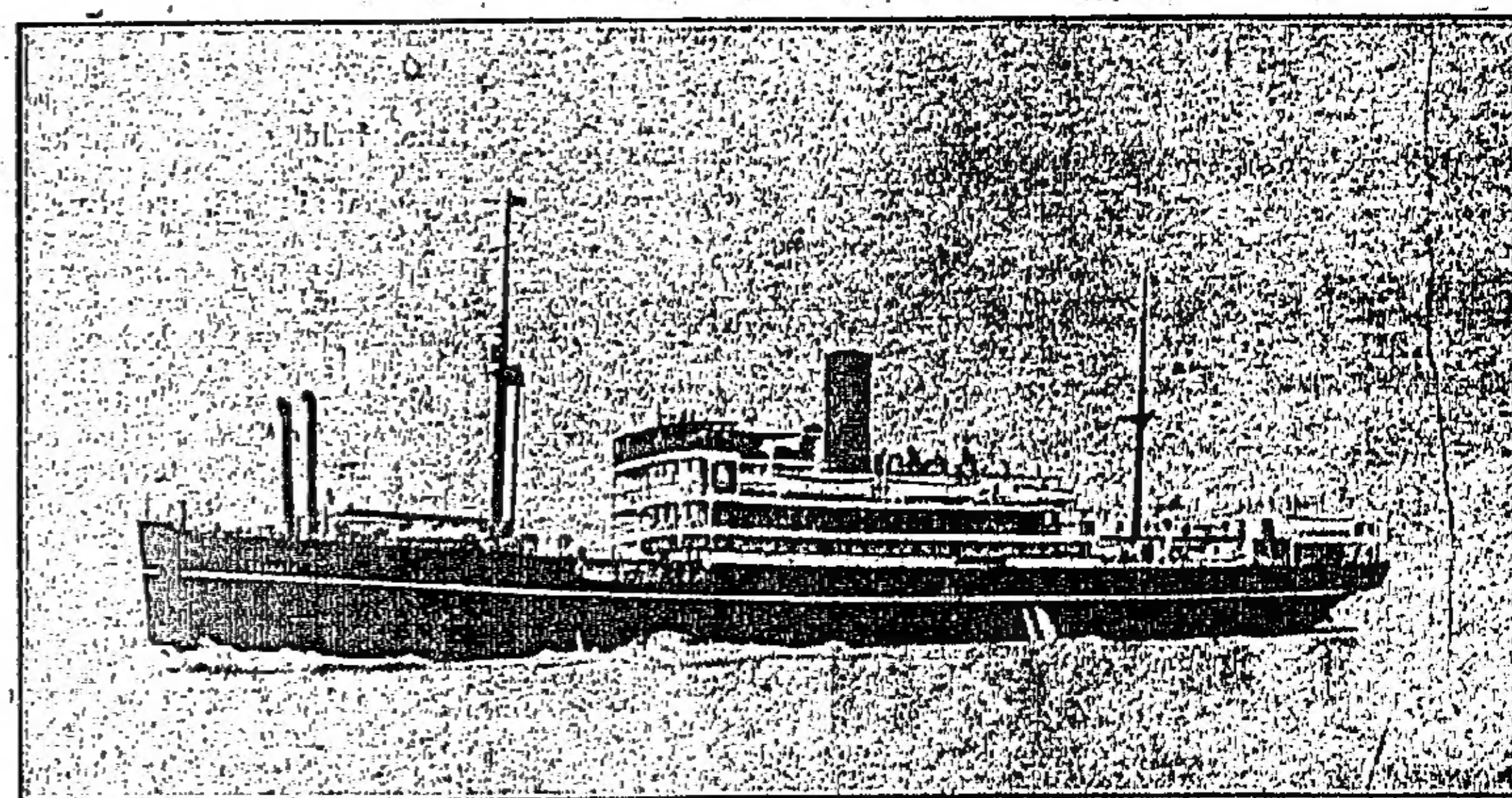
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sible, but assistance was refused at the time.

A short while later, however, another boat was put off from the Canada containing the ship's doctor, an officer and six of the crew to stand by the distressed ship. The Canada herself proceeded up to her wharf slowly and the whole incident, tragic as it was, lasted somewhat less than half an hour. H.M.S. Enterprise appeared on the scene also and remained standing by after the cargo ship had been towed to her resting place alongside the shore.

The Empress of Canada at the time of the accident carried 42 saloon passengers, 30 second class, 38 third class and 185 steerage, none of whom were injured. Those at the stern of the boat reported that they experienced the worst sensations, while those amidship had no feelings of real alarm when the impact occurred.

## No Pilot.

The Jinsho Maru carried no passengers, according to her agents the Y.K.K. offices, who estimated the amount of her cargo at about 4,400 tons. No pilot was carried by the merchant ship at the time of the accident, a fact which was remarked by Captain Robinson of the Canada as in his belief the reason for accidents of this kind. The smaller unlicensed vessels in the river, he pointed out, are unable to judge the channel of the river thoroughly and do not realize the difficulty had by large passenger vessels in changing their courses or veering suddenly even further over to their own side of the channel. "Accurate details regarding the nature of the accident were, however, not available on board the Empress of Canada, pending the court of inquiry, customary under such circumstances and at which full evidence will be made public.

## An Eye Witness's Story.

I was standing upon the stern contemplating the scene of bustle and commerce on the Huangpu, and pondering upon the ease with which the water traffic moved without accident, writes a passenger on the Empress of Canada, when an ominous shuddering, a seesawing motion shook the Empress of Canada from stem to stern. The feeling was not dissimilar to the sickening rocking of an earthquake. I smiled in reminiscence of wartime submarine scares in the Mediterranean as the Asiatic crew came tumbling up from below shouting excitedly. I supposed that we had struck a rock, a supposition general among everyone aboard as later appeared.

Walking forward I observed an interest prevalent among the passengers to see what had happened rather than any concern. Forward we saw the Jinsho Maru, her name plainly visible on the bows, lay listing to port, enveloped in clouds of steam pouring from a gaping hole ripped from funnel to the water line.

The Japanese steamer lay broadside in the river. The bow of the Canadian liner had struck the heavily laden cargo boat something less than a glancing blow shearing away the steel hull until it had been turned outwards at right angles like the lid of a tin can. The Empress of Canada had reversed her engines before the collision,—this I had observed from my position in the stern—and now lay off a few feet from the Japanese ship. It was a delight to observe the unhurried but instant discipline on a British ship. The port boat was at once swung out with crew and doctor ready, while life belts were loosened in their racks for a remote emergency.

Steaming ahead slowly we came abreast of the Jinsho Maru on her starboard side where the damage could be seen closer. The bow of the Empress of Canada had sheered to amidships at the funnel and the bridge was wrecked to the wheel. The Japanese commander refused any aid, two river tugs had at once come to stand by the wreck and were now alongside the ship. Apparently she was not going to sink. But on the deck of the Jinsho Maru it was evident that the accident was not confined to mere damage. One of the crew had been hurt and a moment later the boat's crew of the Empress of Canada with a ship's officer and the doctor in the stern was pulling for the wreck.

There was nothing more that could be done by the Canadian Pacific liner. Our stem was bent but the forward compartment was alone flooded while the port rail was not splintered beyond easy repair. Steaming ahead the Empress of Canada docked but an hour late.

The London Gazette announces the titles of two peerages conferred in the New Year's Honours list—Sir George Hayter Chubb, Bart., to become Baron Hayter, of Christchurch (Kent), and Colonel F. S. W. Cornwallis to be Baron Cornwallis, of Linton (Kent).

## LOST REVOLVER.

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE FINED.

Police Constable Charles Findlay was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with losing his Service revolver, together with the six rounds of ammunition which it contained, and the holster.

Defendant pleaded guilty, suggesting that he dropped it without knowing, while going up the Old Bailey in the early morning of Wednesday. He reported the loss to the Divisional Inspector on returning to the Station.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, who prosecuted, outlined the routine duty as carried out by the defendant on the morning in question. Begun at 2 o'clock, his spell would have finished at 8 o'clock, but, in between this, defendant was allowed, according to practice, to knock off for a quarter of an hour, and to have his coffee before taking out the Indians and Chinese of Sections 8 and 8. The Indians and Chinese had become rather slovenly in the way they marched out to their posts, and so it came about that at 4 a.m. the duty fell on the defendant to lead them out. It was whilst they were marching up the Old Bailey that defendant said he dropped his revolver.

The suggestion was that the strap by which the holster was secured to the belt, broke, but the C.S.P. remarked on this occurrence as being curious, in view of the defendant's own admission, previously, that the equipment was in order when he started out from the Station.

Giving the defendant's record, Mr. Wolfe stated that Findlay joined in October, 1924, completing two-and-a-half years' service. He held a certificate for Cantonese, and there was one report against him for being absent from duty at the Station, for which he was departmentally fined \$4.

Mr. Lindsell, alluding to the defendant's explanation, said he could not see how the heavy weapon could have dropped without the tug it caused on the belt being felt by the defendant. Even if that explanation was the right one, it amounted to most gross carelessness on the part of the defendant. He would fine defendant \$150, or six weeks' hard labour.

Later, Mr. Wolfe asked if \$40, for the cost of replacing the lost arms, could be taken from the fine and credited to the Police Arms vote. Otherwise, they would be out of pocket to that extent. He, himself, was not sure whether this could be arranged.

Mr. Lindsell replied that he was afraid he had no power to make such an order.

## QUEEN'S ROAD FIRE.

OUTBREAK SOON GOT UNDER.

Fire broke out in the ground floor of No. 247, Queen's Road, at 3.50 this morning, resulting in partial damage to the building. Firemen took charge from an early stage, and had the outbreak under control in less than half-an-hour.

It is believed that the blaze was started through the careless throwing of a light, which came into contact with combustible goods stored in the cockpit. From this spot, the flames spread and burnt through the floor beams overhead, eventually setting fire to several rolls of cinema films stored on the first floor. Further progress was checked at this stage, and the damage wrought to this floor and its contents was due more to water and heat than to fire.

The cockpit on the ground floor where the outbreak originated was destroyed, as well as other woodwork within the immediate vicinity.

Details of insurance are not yet available.

## STAR THEATRE.

There is excellent and exciting screen entertainment at the Star Theatre this week, for "Bride of the Storm," a J. Stuart Blackton production for Warner Bros. opened there yesterday with Dolores Costello in the stellar role. This is the film version of that thrilling story "Maryland, My Maryland," written by James-Francis Dwyer, and Marian Constance has omitted none of the original thrills in her scenario. It is so crammed with breathless moments that even the most jaded of picture goers could not claim boredom at any part of the photoplay.

Dolores Costello—whose wistful, fragile beauty and splendid acting won her stellar laurels after her performance in "The Sea Beast," starring John Barrymore—makes a lovely and appealing heroine. Even in the shabby, graceless dress she wears, her charming personality glows and the sincerity of her acting is apparent. Older stars in the industry are already looking to this gifted young newcomer to outshine them all.

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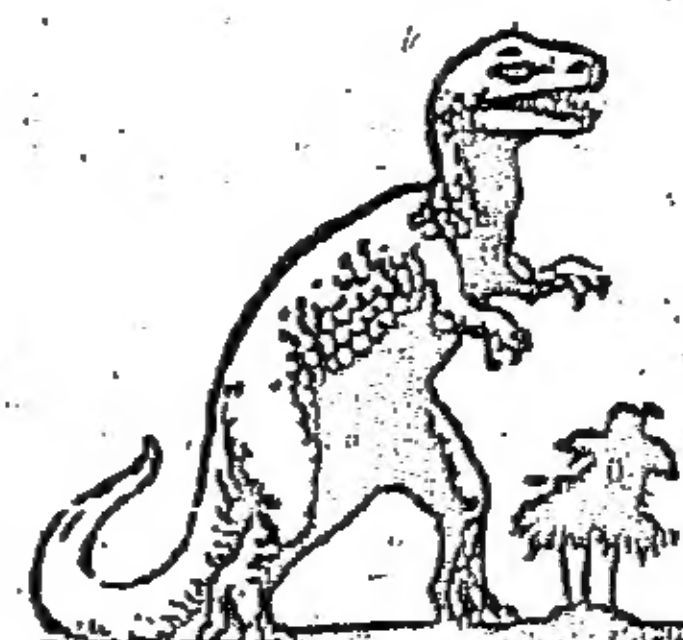
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## SOVIET INTRIGUE.

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of the Communist International.  
He said:—

"The real Chinese revolution began after the proletariat of Russia became the master of the country and was able to extend a helping hand to all oppressed nationalities. It is under the guidance and with the help of the U.S.S.R. that the Chinese revolution has undertaken to attain the following results:—(1) To clear the country of all foreigners, (2) to repudiate all the agreements, (3) to make the Customs independent of foreigners, (4) to clear our waters of foreign vessels, (5) to return all foreign concessions to China, (6) to do away with all 'extraterritorial' rights. All our victories are due to the help we have received from the U.S.S.R., and it is with your help that we shall sweep all the Imperialists into the sea. (Loud cheers.)"

Will the Foreign Secretary read the writing on the wall and take action before it is too late?

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